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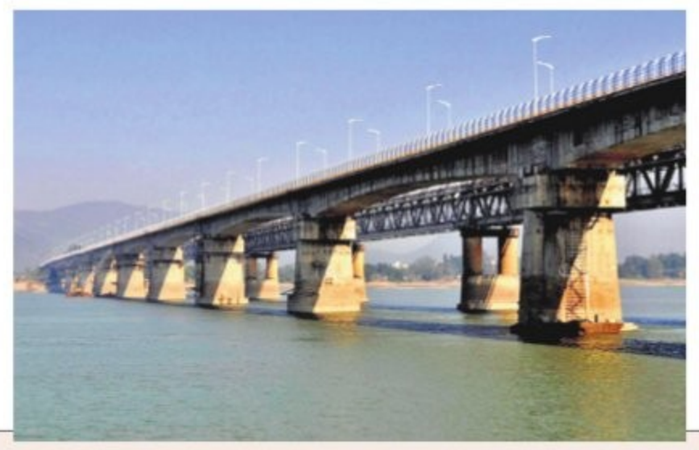

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CHINA TO BUILD WORLD'S LARGEST DAM CLOSE TO INDIAN BORDER

China on Thursday approved the construction of the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet, close to its border with India

$137 BILLION PROJECT AT HIMALAYAN GORGE

Costing $137 billion, it is set to be the world's biggest infra project till date. The dam is to be built at a huge gorge in the Himalayan reaches where the Brahmaputra makes a huge U-turn to flow into Arunachal Pradesh. Construction poses huge challenges as the project site is located along a tectonic plate boundary where earthquakes regularly occur

WORRY OVER CHINA FLOODING NORTHEAST

- An official statement on Wednesday sought to allay concerns about earthquakes, saying "a solid foundation has been laid for the science-based, secure, and high-quality development" of the project
- There are worries in India, given the massive size of the dam, that China could weaponise it and flood areas in the northeast during war

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OF POWER TO BE GENERATED EACH YEAR, ENOUGH FOR ANNUAL NEEDS 30 CR HOUSES

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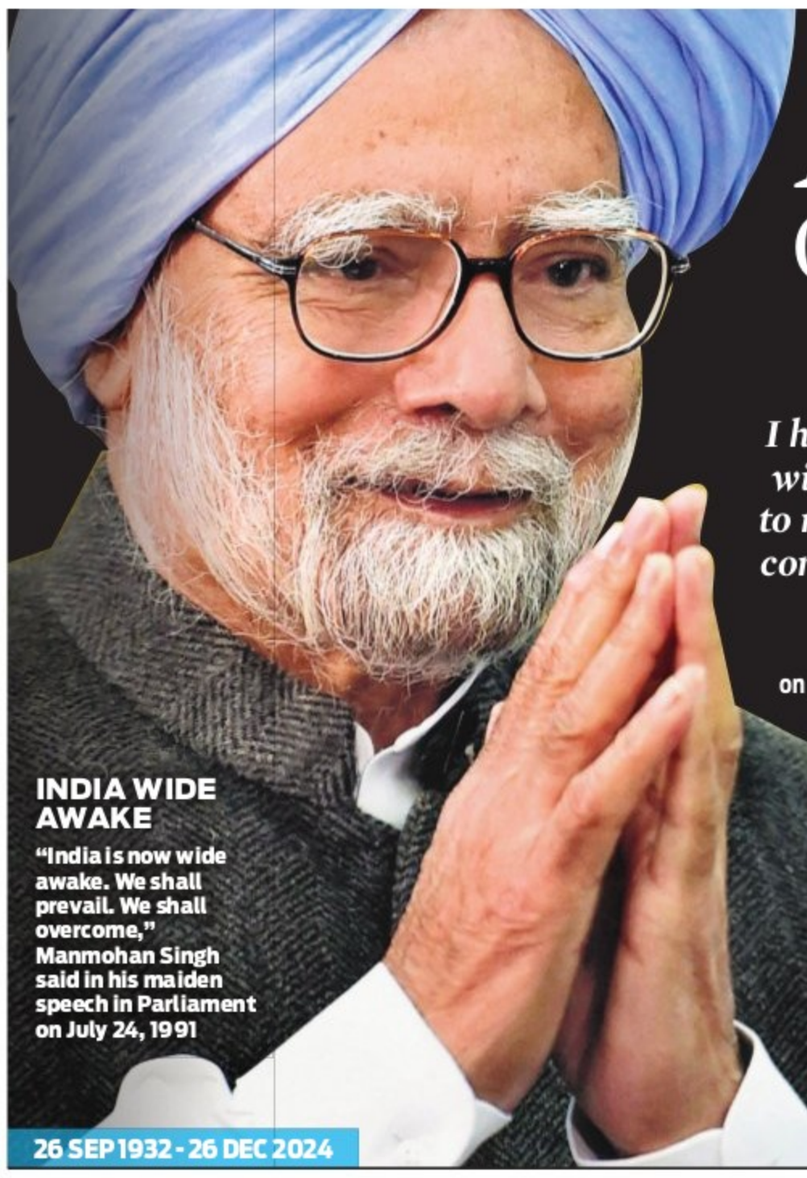

INDIA WIDE AWAKE

"India is now wide awake. We shall prevail. We shall overcome," Manmohan Singh said in his maiden speech in Parliament on July 24, 1991

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ARCHITECT OF INDIA OF OUR TIMES

- PASSES AWAY AT 92 FOLLOWING AGE-RELATED MEDICAL ISSUES. DECLARED DEAD AT 9.51 PM
- SEVEN-DAY NATIONAL MOURNING EXPECTED TO BE OBSERVED
- LAST RITES WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH FULL STATE HONOURS

I hope history will be kinder to me than the contemporary media

Manmohan Singh on January 3, 2014 at the fag end of his tenure as PM

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA
EDITOR

ECONOMICAL with his words, but gentle in his phrasing, the conversations he struck up were with the times. And he persuaded the times to change.

That was Dr Manmohan Singh, the self-effacing savant who rose to perform two big roles for an India in transition — that of prime minister and finance minister. In both roles, he is likely to win a contest with history for having been the most clean of spirit and genuinely courteous, the most knowledgeable and, arguably, the most transformational.

Perhaps only India's first prime minister could run him close. If Jawaharlal Nehru was the founder-statesman of independent India, the guardian spirit of our formative decades, it was Manmohan who fathered the India we see around us today. Its architect, its engineer, its reticent philosopher.

When another gnomic prime minister, Narasimha Rao, picked a safari suit-clad former Reserve Bank of India governor as his second choice finance minister in 1991, it was in a country not yet out of a long famine of new ideas and fresh energy, also one wracked by a decade of militancy, riots and assassinations.

Everyone associates Manmohan Singh's FM years for the way he clanged open the shutters of the Indian economy, the wholesale shift to the so-called Washington Consensus. That became grist for interminable debates — eliciting hurrahs, protectionist fears from local industry and trenchant socialist critique all at once.

It didn't register much in that moment how the unleashing of India's free market "animal spirits", to use one of his favourite phrases, helped sublimate animal spirits of the other kind.

New cities came up, new landscapes of desire, malls, television channels, affordable flights, mint-fresh IT industries, the telecom boom, the Internet, global cuisine on the local *thali* — in fact, everything we now know India to be experientially. We perhaps didn't then realise how much all of that healed us from other traumas of the past.

That silent therapeutic effect scaled up to another level during Manmohan's decade-long incumbency at 7 Race Course Road. Instant historians often saw only the 'notional losses', while the long-range lens captures some of India's best growth years, qualitatively deepened with humane reform.

But that was not all. Did India really have a prime minister from a minority community for a whole decade — and nobody didn't even much notice? Yes, till just the other day.

That's the kind of conversation Manmohan Singh had with history, the future and the present, in his quiet monotone. That will not die away. P9

He will always be remembered for his service to the nation, his unblemished political life and his utmost humility

Droupadi Murmu, President

We interacted regularly when he was PM and I was the CM of Gujarat... His wisdom and humility were always visible

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

He led India with immense wisdom and integrity. His humility and understanding of economics inspired the nation

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

K'taka likely to see milk price hike after Sankranthi festival

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Milk Federation (KMF) chairman Bheema Naik said on Thursday that milk price is likely to go up after the Sankranthi festival in January. He told reporters here that unions recently placed a proposal before the federation seeking a revision in milk prices.

They sought a hike of Rs 5 per litre. Discussions have been held in this regard. However, a decision on the proposal will be taken only after a meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, he said.

During a recent meeting at Magadi, dairy farmers submitted a petition to the chief minister seeking a hike of Rs 5 per litre of milk. The milk price was last increased on August 1, 2023, by Rs 3. It was then increased from Rs 39 to Rs 42 a litre. "The hike of Rs 2 per packet cannot be called an increase because the quantity of milk in the packet was increased by 50ml in June 2024," KMF officials said.

They said when Siddaramaiah launched Nandini idli-dosa batter on December 25, the KMF members briefed him about the demands of dairy farmers and milk unions.

Federation managing director Shivaswamy said that nothing has been finalised yet. A decision on increasing milk price will be taken after holding a meeting with the chief minister. The meeting will be held after the Sankranthi festival.

The hike of Rs 2 per packet cannot be called an increase because the quantity of milk in the packet was increased by 50ml in June 2024

— KMF officials

CWC flags attacks on Constitution

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge with Rahul Gandhi and others during the Congress Working Committee meeting to mark the 100th anniversary of its Belgaum session presided over by Mahatma Gandhi, in Belagavi, on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR & SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Belagavi

THE extended Congress Working Committee (CWC) at Belagavi on Thursday sealed its commitment to revamp the party organisation in the coming months and fight "anti-Constitutional" sentiments taking sway across the country.

The CWC resolved to commit to protecting the Indian Constitution and the ideals of the Indian Independence Movement. Accordingly, the CWC resolved to launch the "Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan Abhiyan", beginning with a rally in Belagavi on Friday (December 27) and culminating in a rally at Mhow on January 26th, 2025, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Constitution coming into force and the founding of our Republic.

During this month, rallies will be organized in every block, district, and state as well.

CONG MEET CANCELLED

The mega convention of the Congress to be held in Belagavi on Friday has been cancelled, following the demise of former PM Dr Manmohan Singh.

The CWC met on Thursday to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's historic taking over of the Presidency of Indian National Congress at its 39th Session in 1924.

CWC expressed concerns over alleged state-sponsored increase in communal and ethnic hatred, particularly targeted against minority communities. Manipur, which has been burning since May 2023, continues to be met with indifference by the Prime Minister and his Government. The Prime Minister has not visited this troubled state ever since violence erupted in May 2023. Communal tension has deliberately been stoked in Sambhal and other places for the RSS-BJP's narrow political gain. The Places of Worship Act, 1991 to which the Indian National Congress is firmly committed in letter and spirit has also come under needless and reckless debate, the CWC opined.

The CWC also condemned in the strongest terms, the manner in which peaceful protests by Congress were dealt with by the governments in BJP-ruled states like Assam and UP. A number of Congress workers lost their lives. This is totally unacceptable, and it only reflects the anti-democratic mindset of the BJP. The meeting demanded a socio-economic caste census be conducted at the earliest.

The 50% ceiling on reservations for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, and OBCs must be increased so as to further enhance the benefits accrued to these three traditionally disadvantaged groups of our society. P4

'Distorted' map: Cong downplays BJP allegations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

CONGRESS leaders on Thursday downplayed the controversy over party posters with "distorted" India map put up here for the centenary celebrations of the 1924 Congress session and said BJP was needlessly spreading false information.

Reacting to BJP's allegations that some posters had the distorted map, Congress leader Priyank Kharge said they were put up by some private companies. Those posters have already been removed. BJP is making baseless allegations, he added.

Reacting to BJP leader Amit Malviya's social media post on the alleged distorted map, KPCC chief DK Shivakumar said those posters have been removed.

BJP and JDS reportedly stated that the map did not have the Gilgit region of PoK and Aksai Chin now under China, which are integral parts of J&K.

"Amit Malviya's job is to spread fake news. Look at the cases filed against him," Priyank Kharge told a section of the media. "He (Amit Malviya) is the king of misinformation and fake news. If you look at his timeline, you will come to know (spreading fake news). Why are you giving so much importance to him? What truth has he spoken?" Priyank said. P4

MELBOURNE TEST

KOHLI SHOULDER BUMPS KONSTAS, ICC PENALISES

GOMESH S @ Melbourne

WHAT is India versus Australia match without a dash of controversy and pinch of heated exchanges. What makes this even more riveting are the two protagonists involved. One a teenager on debut and the other a veteran of 121 Tests and at 36, is almost double the former's age. Sam Konstas and Virat Kohli. The two cricketing figures of contrasting fame clashed on the field. In short, there were two headlines on Day One here — Konstas's fiery knock (60 off 65 balls) and his shoulder episode with Kohli after 10th over.

Konstas was on fire, hitting the almost-invincible Jasprit Bumrah, including a sux, in the most unconventional style in Tests, especially by an opener. The two were seen engageming in verbal altercation after Kohli seemed to have nudged the youngster on his shoulder while walking to the other end.

Later, the match referee fined Kohli 20 per cent of match fee after hearing. "Kohli was found to have breached Article 2.12 of the ICC Code of Conduct... which relates to 'inappropriate physical contact with a Player...'," the ICC stated. Though former players criticised Kohli, Konstas later said, "I was just doing my gloves and I think he accidentally bumped me. I think that's just cricket and can happen with tension. I think the emotions got to both of us." P13

EXPRESS READ

Contractor ends life, accuses min's supporter

Bidar: A contractor ended his life in Bhalki taluk here on Tuesday, accusing nine people, including former Kalaburagi corporator Raju Kapanoor, said to be a supporter of Minister Priyank Kharge, of being responsible for his death. Police said Sachin's body was found near the railway track near Katti Tugaon. P4

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2004 CATASTROPHE

Tsunami severely exposed women's vulnerabilities

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

IT has been 20 years since the deadly tsunami struck, killing around 230,000 people across more than a dozen countries and causing unprecedented damage in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Thailand.

Dr K Sekar and Dr C Jayakumar, experts in psychiatric social work (PSW), National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), who, along with other mental health experts from NIMHANS, were at ground zero, narrated the impact of the deadly earthquake under the Indian Ocean on women and their mental health.

"Majority of victims (of the tsunami) were women. Most of them did not know how to swim. There was death, devastation, loss and raw emotions of people. They were angry with kadal (ocean), which they had looked upon historically as god till that fateful morning of December 26, 2004. In Cuddalore, there was a belief that tsunami was the wrath unleashed by the sea goddess after some menstruating women touched the sea," said Dr Sekar.

The tsunami exposed and tested the vulnerability of women like never before. "While many widowers got remarried, widow remarriage was not an easy option in many of the affected places except for some of those, who were childless and were given huge compensation by the government. This was in Nagapattinam," he said.

"In some places in Kerala, women, who lost their children, were branded inauspicious by their families. After the first tide receded, it left behind a lot of fish on the seafloor. Ignorant of what lay ahead for them, these women with their kids went to pick up the fish and lost their little ones when the tide returned," Sekar said. P10

ALMANAC TODAY
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WEATHER — MIN 18°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST: Passing showers. Overcast

Sunrise 06.39 am | Sunset 06.02 pm | Moonrise 03.17 am | Moonset 02.56 pm

EASY ACCESS

'Your e-khata is online now'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) revenue division has asked property owners in its limits to give a set of documents to get e-khatas.

The civic agency has launched a service to issue e-khatas to property owners.

Recently, the division announced that 67,000 applications had been received for e-khata in eight zones of the palike. Of them, 61,000 had been cleared.

BBMP's e-khata service can be availed online by property owners. They may log on to https://bbmpeaasthi.karnataka.gov.in. and get e-khata. "Your e-khata is online and can be accessed easily by searching the draft e-khata in the ward-wise list," said a palike official.

He said that only in case of incomplete information or mismatch of records, cases will be forwarded to respective assistant revenue officers (AROs) for clearance.

Property owners can watch videos on the process to be followed while filing applications for e-khata on YouTube, which are in English and Kannada, or call e-khata helpline No: 94806 83695

Documents for e-khata
- Aadhaar card
- Property tax ID (from PT system)
- Sale/registered deed number (fetched electronically from sub-registrars' offices)
- 10-digit ID of BESCOM connection (optional for vacant plots)
- Property photo

MAKE PERMITS MUST FOR E-AUTOS: UNIONS

'Such vehicles are causing losses to owners and drivers of conventional autorickshaws'

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

WHILE the transport department has exempted electric autos and those running on alternative fuels like methanol and ethanol from requiring permits, auto drivers and unions have demanded that they should be allowed to ply only with permits. They claim that electric autos operating on Bengaluru roads without a permit is cutting into their revenue.

Permits play as a regulatory tool to check the number of autos on road. The state transport department in July increased the permits from 1.55 lakh to 2.55 lakh for the next five years. However, in the absence of permits for e-autos, hundreds are getting on road every day, thus increasing congestion in the city, unions rued.

They alleged that while the permit charge is Rs 750, the process involved in getting one, such as the middlemen fee, greasing the hands of officials, all add up to about Rs 40,000.

Speaking to TNIE, general secretary of Auto Rickshaw Driver's Union (ARDU) said "Currently, there are no permit regulations for e-autos. As a result, anyone can buy an electric auto and start operating. It's not just individuals but companies are purchasing e-autos in bulk and deploying them by hiring people."

Echoing similar sentiments, M Manjunath, president of the Adarsh Auto and Taxi Drivers' Union said there is no level playing field as traditional autos have to follow the rules and get a permit, while e-autos do not need anything at all.

Further, Manjunath also drew parallels with ride-hailing in

Bengaluru. "When ride-hailing apps entered the city, they promised a steady income of up to Rs 1 lakh per month, which turned out to be false. Now, companies are heavily investing in e-autos to dominate the market. Since e-autos don't require permits, these companies are sidelining traditional autos. Once done, they will charge as per their whims and fancies," he said.

Both Rudra Murthy and Manjunath emphasised that e-autos are significantly affecting the income of traditional auto drivers. While there is no exact data on the number of e-autos operating in the city without permit, auto unions said there may be over 5,000 and the numbers are mulitiplying every day, with companies buying e-autos in hundreds.

Officials from the transport department confirmed that permits are mandatory for commercial vehicles such as contract carriers, stage carriers, goods vehicles, cabs and autos. However, in 2018, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways exempted electric vehicles and those running on biofuels from requiring permits. The state transport department implemented the same policy. Officials acknowledged receiving requests to regulate e-autos through permits and stated that discussions on the matter are ongoing.

SHOWERS AGAIN!

People walk past Vidhana Soudha amid light showers on Thursday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

BWSSB phone-in programme today

Bengaluru: To address the grievances of citizens regarding water supply, sanitation issues, overflowing manholes, metre reading discrepancies among others, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will host a phone-in programme on Friday between 9.30 am to 10.30 am. BWSSB urged the public to contact through the phone number--080-22945119 and 080-22229639. Citizens are requested to give their RR number before raising a complaint.

Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar for technician of RWF

Bengaluru: Muthukumar Jebarajan, senior technician of Electrical Department, Rail Wheel Factory was awarded with Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar (AVRSP) 2024 along with other awardees of AVRSP 2024. He will be felicitated at a function at Bharat Mandapam, by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, Electronics & Information Technology. Muthukumar has put outstanding efforts in improving productivity by using in-house resources to upgrade and modify machines. He has modified and upgraded electrical systems of production related machines like demounting press, bridge cranes. The overall cost saving of his works during the year 2023-24 is Rs 1.5 crore. These modification has also not only resulted in reduction of breakdowns but also improved the efficiency and reliability of machines, thereby increasing the productivity, a press release stated.

No BBMP polls: Rule of law has gone down the drain

KATHYAYINI CHAMRAJ
Executive Trustee, CIVIC

LOOKING back over the last year, what comes to mind most strongly is the collapse of the six-storey under-construction building in Babusab Palya, near Hennur, killing nine workers. The building had blatantly violated several bylaws. It seems to denote the complete collapse of accountability on the part of the BBMP to curb violations. Several circulars were subsequently issued on the responsibility of various officials to undertake demolitions of buildings violating bylaws. Still, except for one or two that were demolished symbolically, most illegal buildings continue to thrive.

There was also flooding in several parts of Bengaluru after the rain, including at Kendriya Vihar Apartments in Yelahanka and Sai Baba Layout in Horamavu, which has been flooding repeatedly for several years now. The Palike had to deploy tractors to evacuate residents. There was also an episode of illegal road construction and encroachment by a law-maker himself over a lake-bed, its buffer zone and raja kaluve, flooding a whole neighbourhood. What this flooding seems to signify is the complete washing away of the rule of law in the BBMP. There were also myriad stories of uncontrolled illegal drilling of borewells without permission.

Repeated orders of the Karnataka High Court to establish local processing centres for wet waste in all wards continue to languish. But a person in authority himself has termed the garbage authorities in Bengaluru "a mafia", almost expressing helplessness in the government to control it. It has also been claimed by the government that only waste-to-energy projects with investments of up to Rs 2,000 crore can be sustained. In addition, Rs 500 crore has been earmarked for a sky deck, which could have been used to give each one of the 3 million households in Bengaluru a compost bin, available at Rs 1,500 each, and solve the garbage crisis at source. The chief engineer in charge of BBMP's garbage has himself said, "Citizens must now segregate and process their waste... even in individual homes, as there is nothing more we can do".

But it seems, the costlier the projects are, the better they are. The BWSSB hopes to solve the water crisis of Bengaluru by bringing water through the Cauvery Stage V at an investment of around Rs 4,336 crore, which aims to boost water access benefitting 110 BBMP villages.

There are also plans to bring water from Mekedatu to quench Bengaluru's thirst by investing Rs 14,000 crore. The BWSSB head himself says that not enough has been done in the area of rainwater harvesting. Experts suggest that tunnels can be built under Bengaluru's roads to store rainwater that falls right here. Instead, there are plans to build tunnel roads for private vehicles that will likely disrupt even the existing aquifers supplying water to borewells.

While no elections have been held to the BBMP for four years, preventing it from having the mandated decentralised planning body, the Metropolitan Planning Committee, all plans are being undertaken by the state government in blatant violation of the Constitution. By stating that elections to the BBMP cannot be held currently, as a Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill (GBGB) is being planned, a Joint Select Committee (JSC) has been constituted to review the GBGB. But the JSC, which was given three months to submit its recommendations in August, has not shown any inclination to organise public consultations on the Bill and has nonchalantly passed the deadline for completing the task. Not having elections to the Palike also seems to have the tacit approval of all political parties. Another instance of letting the rule of law flow down the drain.

CIVIC ISSUES

B'LURU ON FAST LANE, BUT SPEED BUMPS REMAIN

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU'S civic scene saw a series of notable developments, besides certain avoidable tragedies, in 2024. These included the Cauvery Stage-V water supply project; a much-needed One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme, resulting in record property tax collections; white topping of major roads; and illegal, faulty constructions becoming reason for fatalities.

As we say good bye to 2024, the 110 villages that were merged into the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) can breathe a sigh of relief as their demand for drinking water and an efficient sewage network ended by October, with the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) completing the Cauvery Stage-V water supply project, pumping 775 MLD drinking water to Torekadnahalli in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district. However, with the completion of the massive network, there came an announcement of an impending hike in water tariff in the coming days, with Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar saying that the board is under financial strain, making the hike inevitable. BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasat Manohar has also written to all MLAs of Bengaluru to cooperate in this regard.

In April, a One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme was introduced, encouraging long-time tax defaulters to pay their taxes with reduced interest. This resulted in record tax collection, as the Palike collected Rs 4,284 crore, as of November 30.

With the intent to mop up revenues in the coming years and also authenticate documents effectively, the BBMP introduced 'e-khata'. With its 'faceless' process, the move was aimed at eliminating the need for brokers and harassment from assistant revenue officers. Property owners could use online platforms to receive e-khata. Accordingly, 61,000 such e-khatas have been distributed in the last two months.

Meanwhile, Rs 1,800 crore worth of white-topping work, over a 157-km stetch of road, covering all arterial and sub-arterial roads, was also taken up by the BBMP. However, environmentalists have raised concerns about concretising city roads, which they say could impact groundwater recharge.

Finish Line 2024

On June 2, Bengaluru also witnessed heavy rainfall of 111 mm, breaking a 133-year record. Kendriya Vihar Apartments in Yelahanka upstream and Sai Baba Layout in Horamavu of KR Puram downstream were worst-hit, with their vicinities flooded, requiring NDRF, Fire and BBMP personnel to use rafts to rescue trapped residents.

Further unfortunate developments also unfolded this year. On October 22, even before the city had recovered from flooding and cloud burst due to Cyclone Dana, which impacted parts of North Bengaluru, six floors of an illegally-constructed building in KR Puram's Babusab Palya collapsed, resulting in the deaths of nine construction workers. Both the state and Union governments announced compensation for the kin of the deceased, while the building owner and his son were arrested. As a knee-jerk reaction, AEE Vinay, who had just taken charge of the Horamavu ward, was allegedly made to face consequences, and suspended, followed by AE Ramesh's suspension, a day later. The Lokayukta registered a suo motu case, which is still under investigation.

To watch for such projects and also ensure that civic issues are redressed expeditiously, the BBMP Chief Commissioner has come up with a 'Walk Towards The Zone' programme every Tuesday and Friday, covering all zones on a rotational basis.

Nine construction workers died when a six-storey unauthorised building collapsed at Babusab Palya in Bengaluru on October 22 | EXPRESS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

27th December: Pisces is my sign of the day. On those days, like today, when Pisces is strong, we can expect a healthy dose of inspiration, but also a possibility of periodic confusion. If plans go awry we can blame the stars! But we can also take appropriate action by paying close attention to all essential details.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Mercury is a planet that has evaded consideration so far this week, yet it is now very gently beginning to work its peculiar magic. Allow your imagination to wander and be sure to pay attention to your dreams. Even at work, there could be a creative buzz.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
If there's one sort of person you can't stand, it's those who go around spouting their dogmatic opinions at you. I'm only saying this because there's a high probability that someone is about to try and convert you to their cause. Just get on and do what you know is right.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The Sun has been, and is, shedding new light on your professional and worldly ambitions. Your idealistic aspirations are being stimulated, your deep-rooted feeling that you would like to play your part in making the world a much, much better place.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The Moon has been offering you its protection throughout the week. You know well enough that the only way to proceed is in line with what you instinctively feel to be ethically and morally proper. Today's aspects favour Cancerian artists, athletes and lovers.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Something at work is making you very emotional. Those of you with partners who are deeply immersed in professional struggles may find that your home life is starting to be affected, perhaps adversely but hopefully for the better. There does seem to be the chance for a personal fresh start, but first you have to deal an unexpected hurdle.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Continue with a course of action that is straight, decent, honest and practical. This is one time when your classic Virgoan qualities are to be treasured. Do what you must and defy any criticism. And do begin to try to get your costs under control.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Have you ever noticed how the characters in television soap operas spend their entire lives first of all having pointless arguments and then sitting down to talk about them? As it happens, now is your time to sit down and talk through a recent confrontation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There's a high risk of travel delays this week. If you haven't already experienced hold-ups or lost directions, you must be prepared to face them now. It is a simple matter to avoid such problems by taking elementary precautions. For a start, find out what people you live with really want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
A new cycle began in your domestic and family affairs last weekend. The reason I have delayed mentioning it until now is that often these things take some time to sink in. But gradually you will become aware that life has taken a turn for the better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Give yourself a break today. It's a time for pleasure and relaxation, for enjoying the company of younger people, children and loved ones. Don't let the daily routine swamp your capacity to have fun, and go out of your way to meet new, different, people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You may be deeply wound up in your own problems, yet family members and people you live with need your attention as well. Do your best to see that everyone is perfectly happy and contented, and bide your time until you're ready to make your final choice.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Do not let other people take up so much of your time that you have no energy left for your personal affairs. It is imperative that you devote more effort to those areas of your life that satisfy you and you alone, regardless of what close partners think.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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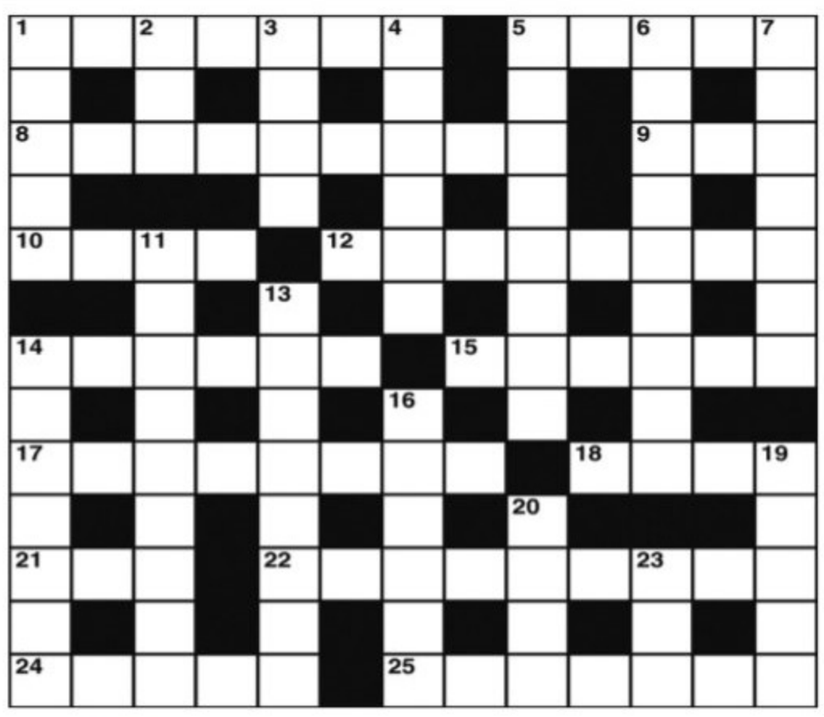

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1 Faulter when reduced to weeping (7)
5 Quick-tempered holy man cutting dried grass (5)
8 Unit for office or kitchen (9)
9 One about to display anger (3)
10 Badly hurt widow who married a wealthy farmer (4)
12 Biased team and what may be done about it (3-5)
14 Slightly sensitive? (6)
15 It returned having departed as ordered (6)
17 Make a deduction (8)
18 Manages to hit back and bring down (4)
21 She cut the first man short (3)
22 Complete journey to meet train perhaps (9)
24 She writes a letter in French (5)
25 Be prepared to defend (5,2)

DOWN
1 Fixed a trip to see an animal (5)
2 An attempt made in the past (3)
3 Generous ransom (4)
4 What is wrong in a record being beaten? (6)
5 An ironclad excuse for not buying luxuries (8)
6 Salt-water spray (9)
7 Bore fruit and let go (7)
11 Extremely handy sort of sketch (9)
13 She hurried round to a furniture designer (8)
14 Willingly die? (7)
16 Wins points for musical arrangements (6)
19 Devotion is a major point in compassion (5)
20 Very keen to rise as a singer (4)
23 Help I had with an article (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Overcast, 5 Spar, 9 Kyoto, 10 Ruinous, 11 Firelighters, 13 Notice, 14 Chaise, 17 Reverberated, 20 Prefers, 21 Tiara, 22 Dash, 23 Wardress.

Down: 1 Oaks, 2 Egotist, 3 Chosen career, 4 Strain, 6 Probe, 7 Resisted, 8 Light-hearted, 12 Intrepid, 15 Iterate, 16 Persia, 18 Views, 19 Bats.

JUMBLE — UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) " ( ) "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOUND FLING NEURON LAZIER
Answer: The ghost arrived at the Halloween party with his — "GHOUL"-FRIEND

Arasikere police arrested three persons and seized 15 kg of ganja saplings from them near Katikere on Thursday. The arrested are identified as Prajwal, Pruthvi and Gagan of Arasikere town. The trio was transporting ganja saplings on a two-wheeler to sell them. The saplings are worth ₹15 lakh

THREE EXOTIC SPECIES SEIZED AT SMVT

A monitor lizard, corn snake and a python were found inside cardboard boxes abandoned on Platform 4

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A ball python and Savannah monitor lizard seized by the RPF from a train at SMVT in in Baiyappanahalli recently | EXPRESS

PERSONNEL of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) seized three exotic species at Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT) in Baiyappanahalli on Tuesday.

They were found inside cardboard boxes on Platform 4. They were possibly trafficked to be sold in the local pet market.

RPF sources told *The New Indian Express* that a Savannah monitor lizard, a corn snake and a ball python, all worth Rs 1 lakh were seized. This is the first wildlife seizure at SMVT after its inauguration in June 2022.

During routine checks, RPF personnel found three cardboard boxes lying in front of A1 coach of Guwahati-SMVT Express (Train no. 12510). "They opened one of them and found a lizard inside a steel cage. They immediately took the cardboard boxes to the RPF post at Baiyappanahalli. On opening them, they found the exotic creatures. A member of a wildlife rescue team was summoned to identify the creatures," a top official said.

Wildlife expert Thirumalesh identified them. They have been handed over to the range forest office at Yelahanka, he said.

In 2023, two deer antlers were seized at SMVT.

The Savannah monitor lizard is found in Africa and it is popular in the local pet market. Corn snake, also known as red rat snake, is a non-venomous snake found in the US. Ball python, known as Royal python, is native to West and Central Africa. It curls into a ball when it feels threatened.

Sources said efforts were on to trace those who had abandoned the cardboard boxes containing exotic species at SMVT.

BIG HAUL

Ganja worth ₹80L seized at KIA, two flyers booked

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

AIRPORT customs recently foiled an attempt to smuggle 8 kg of high-quality hydroponic ganja into Bengaluru. The value of the narcotic substance, seised from two passengers arriving from Bangkok by separate flights, is worth nearly Rs 80 lakh.

Hydroponic ganja is grown on water inside labs with nutrients added to them. This is the second such major seizure of this narcotic substance within three weeks at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

A Customs official told TNIE, "The duo reached Terminal 2 of KIA from Thailand on December 19 and December 20, respectively. Based on passenger profiling, we stopped them. Their passport revealed they had gone to Bangkok 20 days ago and were returning home. This is a modus operandi adopted by those who want to smuggle something by pretending to be tourists."

The duo were middle aged and natives of India. One of the passengers had concealed the ganja inside his trolley suitcase while the other had hid them inside the packets of snacks he carried in his bags.

"On the surface, both appear to be operating individually. However, they are most likely part of a syndicate," he added. It is unclear if the duo planned to sell the substance within the city or dispatch it to some other state from here.

The flyers have been booked under the Narcotics Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act. Investigations are on.

Of late, there is a huge demand for this variety of ganja among youth and it is consumed in parties. During the intervening night of November 30 and December 1, officials had seized hydroponic ganja worth Rs 1.25 crore from flyers at KIA who had concealed them inside packets of chips.

2-year-old girl critical after Pitbull attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A two-year-old girl was critically injured after being attacked by a Pitbull at Subbannapalya on ITC Road in Banaswadi police station limits on Monday evening. The girl, Anushka Dhamal, was with her mother when the neighbour's dog attacked her, severely biting her shoulder. The girl's mother is said to have struggled to save her daughter by pushing away the dog.

The girl's father Nabraj Dhamal, a resident of Venkateshwara Layout in Subbannapalya, filed a complaint against the dog's owner the next day. Nabraj's family moved to the city from Nepal just two months back. Nabraj and his wife work in a nearby hotel and were staying in a rented house with Anushka.

As the dog owner did not look after the treatment expenses, Nabraj filed a police complaint. The accused also has a Rottweiler and two other dogs."The girl is said to be out of danger. She is still under treatment. The dog owner has been summoned for questioning," said an officer.

A case of negligent conduct with respect to animals (BNS 291) has been registered against the dog owner. Further investigations are on.

Realtor held for raping beautician

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 32-year-old realtor has been arrested by the Sathanur police of Ramanagara district for allegedly raping a beautician. The accused, identified as Soranahalli Cheluvaramu, has been remanded in judicial custody.

The victim was running a beauty parlour in Sathanur. She was looking for a bank loan and came in contact with the accused through a mutual friend. The accused assured her of getting the loan through his contacts. Seizing the opportunity, the accused is said to have taken her to a hotel in Ramanagar under the pretext of discussing the loan and allegedly raped her. The victim filed the complaint on Monday. The police are also on the lookout for the mutual friend to ascertain if he had any role in introducing the accused to the victim.

A case of rape (BNS 64), sexual harassment (BNS 75), assault to woman with intent to outrage her modesty (BNS 76) along with other sections of the BNS has been registered against the accused. Further investigations are on.

EXPRESS READ

Rowdy shot in leg, arrested

Bengaluru: The Bengaluru Rural police have arrested a rowdy sheeter after opening fire at his leg. An arrest warrant was pending against the accused, identified as Sunil alias Haveri. He has a rowdy sheet in Surya Nagar police station of Anekal sub-division. On Thursday morning, the police got credible information that Sunil was at Bandapura village. When the police went to arrest him around 6.30 am, the accused attacked one of the policemen, identified as Vinay. The Attibele police inspector fired on Sunil's right leg and arrested him. The accused was wanted in seven cases, including attempt to murder. Further investigations are on. **ENS**

2 run over by train near Binnypet rly gate

Bengaluru: Two men in their twenties, who were trespassing on the tracks near the Binnypet railway gate (3 km from the KSR Bengaluru City junction) were run over by a speeding train on Wednesday night. A case of unnatural death has been filed by the Government Railway Police. The deceased have been identified as Ketan Manikantan (23) and Sharath Kannan Ravi (27), both from Bengaluru, said a GRP personnel. Ketan works as a daily labourer while Sharath works as a delivery person for Flipkart, they said. "They were walking along the railway track when the incident happened. The gateman here alerted us by 9.20 pm," he said. **ENS**

2 Ayyappa devotees succumb to injuries

Hubballi: Two Ayyappa devotees, who sustained burn injuries when a gas cylinder exploded in the city on Monday, succumbed to their injuries at KIMS Hospital on Thursday morning. The deceased are Nijalingappa Mallappa Bepoor, 58 and Sanjay Prakash Savadatti, 17. The explosion took place on December 23 at Eshwar Temple in Sai Nagar of Hubballi due to a gas leak. Nine devotees who were injured were receiving treatment at KIMS Hospital in Hubballi for the past three days. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the families of the deceased. District In-charge Minister Santosh Lad, who visited KIMS Hospital. **ENS**

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Public Works, Department, Sirasi Division(U.K), Karnataka Ph: 08384-223164, Fax: 08384-224100
No. PWD/SR./Dn/AE/IFT/3054 MDR/Flood/ 2024-25/2202 Date: 20.12.2024
INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (SHORT TERM) KW-3
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(1) **The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sirasi** invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. **The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (26.03.2021)** (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors: (3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached (4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division. (5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
(Total: 1 Work)
(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **30-12-2024 up to 16.00.00** (2) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **31-12-2024 up to 16.00.00** (3) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid: **01-01-2025 @ 16.30.00** (4) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **02-01-2025 @ 16.00.00**
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Public Work Department Division
Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)
DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/677/24-25 dt. 26.12 .2024

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Senior Assistant Director, Education, Head Office, BBMP, N. R. Square, Bangalore - 560 002.
No.:BBMP/2024-25/SE1036 Date:26.12.2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)
BBMP invites Request for proposals from interested NGO / FIRM / ORGANIZATIONS for **"Out of school Students Survey through Mobile Applications in East, West, South, RR Nagar, Bommanahalli, Yelahanka, Dasarahalli and Mahadevapura Zone (CALL-2).**

Tender name and reference number: 1) Out of School Students Survey in East Zone 2) Out of School Students Survey in West Zone 3) Out of School Students Survey in South Zone 4)Out of School Students Survey in RR Nagar Zone 5)Out of School Students Survey in Dasarahalli Zone 6)Out of School Students Survey in Bommanahalli Zone 7)Out of School Students Survey in Mahadevapura Zone 8) Out of School Students Survey in Yelahanka Zone	1. BBMP/2024-25/SE1036/CALL-2 2. BBMP/2024-25/SE1037/CALL-2 3. BBMP/2024-25/SE1038/CALL-2 4. BBMP/2024-25/SE1039/CALL-2 5. BBMP/2024-25/SE1040/CALL-2 6. BBMP/2024-25/SE1041/CALL-2 7. BBMP/2024-25/SE1042/CALL-2 8. BBMP/2024-25/SE1043/CALL-2
Date of Commencement downloading of documents from KPP portal	**from 26.12.2024 onwards.**
Last date and time for uploading Online queries in KPP portal.	**30.12.2024 upto 5.30 p.m.**
Date of Pre-bid Meeting:	**30.12.2024 at 11.00 a.m. at above office.**
Last date and time for uploading the RFP	**09.01.2025 upto 5.00 p.m.**
Date of Opening of Technical RFP	**10.01.2025 at 5.10.p.m.**

Further details can be obtained from the e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Senior Assistant Director (Education).

HUBLI-DHARWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project)
Sir Siddappa Kambali Road, Hubballi 580020
INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)
(Through KPPP Portal only)
The Executive Engineer Project Division HDMC, invites Tenders on behalf of the Commissioner HDMC, for the following Service Works in various lacations of Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation under HDMC own source grant, The details of Technical specification, schedules and the technical-commercial terms and conditions can be obtained from uploaded document in portal http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in For additional information can be obtained from following address, in working hours, i.e. Executive Engineer (Project) Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation Hubballi **e-mail Id : projecthdmc1@gmail.com.**

SL.No	Indent No.	SL.No	Indent No.	Execution Period
1	DMA/2024- 25/SE3899	7	DMA/2024- 25/SE3905	15 Months
2	DMA/2024- 25/SE3900	8	DMA/2024- 25/SE3906	15 Months
3	DMA/2024- 25/SE3901	9	DMA/2024- 25/SE3907	15 Months
4	DMA/2024- 25/SE3902	10	DMA/2024- 25/SE3908	15 Months
5	DMA/2024- 25/SE3903	11	DMA/2024- 25/SE3909	15 Months
6	DMA/2024- 25/SE3904	12	DMA/2024- 25/SE3910	15 Months

Last date of Submission of queries	02/01/2025, 16.00.00
Date of pre bid meeting	03/01/2025, 11.00.00
Last date of submission of tender	10/01/2025, 16.30.00
Opening of Technical bid	11/01/2025, 17.00.00
Opening of financial bid	12/01/2025 Subject to Technical bid approval date.
downloading the tender document	from 27-12-2024 to 10/01/2025, 16.30.00

Note : Any modification and changes due to technical reasons it will be published only in KPP portal.
Executive Engineer (Project)
DIPR/Dwd/792/DeshpandePublicity/2024-25 **HDMC, Hubballi**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD, Mahadevapura Zone, 9th Floor, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011.
No. EE/SWD/MDP/TEND/02/2024-25 Date: 26.12.2024
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)-2nd Call
Two cover System (Only through GoK KPP Portal)
The Executive Engineer, SWD- Mahadevapura Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. value of work (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Construction of RCC retaining wall to SWD at Medahalli.	44.25	89,000/-
2	Construction of RCC Bridge to SWD across Channasandra Road near Rampura Lake.	72.98	1,45,000/-

Period of completion : **03 months (including monsoon)**
Calendar of Events: **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 31.12.2024. (2)** Date of Pre-bid Meeting at the above office : **02.01.2025 at 15.00 hrs. (3)** Last date for receipt of tenders : **10.01.2025 upto 16.00 hrs. (4)** Date of opening of Technical bids: **13.01.2025 by 16.30 hrs. or next working day.** (5) Date of opening of Financial bids: **will be intimated to successful bidder on 17.01.2025.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD, Mahadevapura Zone

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SHIFTING OF PREMISES
Jakkur Road 2 HDFC Bank Branch is shifting to the following address with effect from January 27, 2025
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New Address: HDFC Bank Ltd., No 439, Dr. SRK Nagar Rachenahalli Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka -560077
Monday to Saturday - 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM (Second & Fourth Saturday - Holiday)
For more details 8951200764, 9167785914, 9741425603
HDFC BANK

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru
No. MAG(2)/ENT/07/2024-25 Dated 24.12.2024
FORM C
(See Rules 25(1) and 117)
Notice by the Licensing Authority under the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) Rules 2014
Whereas **IRFAN RAZACK** S/o Late S Razack, Chairman and Managing Director, Prestige Estates Projects Ltd., Prestige Falcon Towers, No. 19, Brunton Road, Bengaluru-25, Resident of Prestige Falcon Towers, No. 19, Brunton Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka, have applied to me for grant of No Objection Certificate, for the location of a permanent Multiplex Cinema (8 Screens) Multiplex on the land belongs to IRFAN RAZACK, Situated at Sy. No. 6/1, 6/2, 7(P), 11/1, 11/2, 12, 31, 33/1, 33/2, 34/1, 34/2, 35/1, 35/2 of YAMARE VILLAGE, SARJAPURA HOBLI, ANEKAL TALUK, Panchayathi Khatha No. 866 Prestige City Yamara-1 Property PID 150200100101120458 and measuring by a 6968 Sq.M. and bounded as under: **EAST** : Prestige villa Development Projects, **WEST**: Sarjapura Main Road, **NORTH**: The Prestige City, Internal Driveway, **SOUTH** : Private Property.
Notice is hereby given that any person having any objection to Grant of No Objection Certificate as aforesaid should lodge his objection in writing with under signed by the 10.01.2025 Any objection received beyond the date will not be taken into consideration.
Given under my hand this day 24th Day of December 2024.
Sd/- JAGADEESHA G
Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate
24-12-2024 **Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-5, Health and Sanitation Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
No: BBMP/EE-5/H&S/TEND/01/2024-25 Date: 24-12-2024
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer-5, Health and Sanitation Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Contractors for the work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing Solid Waste Management and Temporary Toilet Facilities for General Public at Public Parking (P4) and ADVA Parking for Aero India 2024-25 to be held from 10th - 14th February 2025 at Airforce Station, Yelahanka. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 41.29, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 83,000.00**

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 24-12-2024 at 16.00 Hrs. onward. 2)** Last Date for uploading of Queries on **30-12-2024 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting on **31-12-2024 at 4.00 PM. at the Office of the Chief Engineer (H&S), 4th Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 4)** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders on **04-01-2025 upto 4.30 PM. 5)** Date of Opening of Technical Bids is **06-01-2025 at 11.30 AM. 6)** Date of Opening of Financial Bids: **Will be intimated to Technically Qualified Bidders.** Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer-5, Health & Sanitation Division, BBMP.

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(INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH)
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Tele: 0422-2472623, 24, Email: rsciaecbe@gmail.com
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONAL-I ON 03rd JANUARY 2025
RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG PROFESSIONAL I (01) - "Coffee Board Funded Project on Development of a Mechanical Coffee Harvester" at ICAR-CIAE RS COIMBATORE, TAMIL NADU
For detailed notification, please visit Institute website https://ciae.icar.gov.in and click on "ANNOUNCEMENT" from the Home page.
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The last date for receiving applications is January 27, 2025

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Principal Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Department of Medical Education and Convenor, Search Committee, Bengaluru
APPOINTMENT OF THE POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR, RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, BENGALURU
Applications are invited for the post of Vice-Chancellor, RGUHS from person who have distinguished themselves in the field of Health Sciences.
The applicants should not have attained the age of **62** years as on **26.01.2025.**
The applicants may submit their Bio-data and a **DD (Demand Draft)** of the application fee drawn in the name of the Director, Directorate of Medical Education, BMC & RI (Old Building), 1st Floor, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560 002 **to the following address in four sets to the Convenor, Search Committee, on or before 15.01.2025 by 5:30 pm in the Room No.611, 4th Gate, 6th Floor, M.S Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560 001.**
Application Fee (Non-Refundable)
1) For General Eligibility and other Candidate - Rs.10,000/-
2) For Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Category-1 Candidates - Rs.5,000/-
Sd/-
DIPR/SI/3935/2024-25 **CONVENOR-SEARCH COMMITTEE**

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As part of the 'Gandhi Bharat' programme, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated a memorial auditorium of freedom fighter Gangadharrao Deshpande, who is known as the 'Lion of Karnataka', and a photo gallery at Ramtirth Nagar in Belagavi on Thursday

● Saffron party says taxpayers' money used to organise event, to protest near Gandhi statue in Soudha today ● Cong questions EC over election transparency

'Fake Gandhis' organising 'Fake Cong' meet: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HITTING out at the Congress, the BJP accused the Grand Old Party of spending public money to commemorate the centenary of the 1924 Congress session in Belagavi.

The saffron party said that it will be holding a dharna in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue on Vidhana Soudha premises at 10.30 am on Friday to protest this. The saffron party further said that the "nakli (fake) Congress" convention was organised by "fake Gandhis".

Meanwhile, state JDS president and Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy also launched a scathing attack on the Congress, alleging that "fake Gandhis were flaunting themselves in Belagavi at the expense of taxpayers' money"

As the Congress named the Friday rally as the Jai Bapu-Jai Bhim-Jai Samvidhan convention, the BJP took strong exception to the party using the names of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr BR Ambedkar.

"What is in the country and the state is not the genuine Congress... it is a fake Congress," said state BJP chief and Shikaripura MLA **BY Vijayendra**.

Addressing the media, Vijayendra said that the Congress that threw away the principles of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr Ambedkar does not have the morality to take their names.

He further alleged that the Congress has no commitment to the integrity of the country as it has been dividing the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has developed five important places related to Ambedkar as Panchatheertha, he added.

"It is not right for the Congress to use taxpayers' money to conduct its convention. We will hold a dharna in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue against this policy of the fake Congress and to oppose its convention in Belagavi," he added.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said that the Congress did not pay heed to Mahatma Gandhi even as he had advised the dissolution of the party after independence. "Fake Gandhis are leading the Congress now and are now holding a convention in Belagavi. Gandhiji was very simple. But Congress leaders are leading a flamboyant life. PM Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, and opposition MPs were ignored as only Congress leaders were invited. This is not a government programme, but a Congress event," he said. "If we show a picture of a united India, the Congress is showing a picture of India without Jammu and Kashmir. It is condemnable that the map of India has been distorted... this only shows the Congress' mentality of dividing the country," he alleged.

"Babasaheb Ambedkar was never a Congress leader. He opposed the Congress and stood against the then government. He started his own party and contested elections. But Jawaharlal Nehru ensured his defeat. Now, the Congress leaders are staging protests (over Amit Shah's remarks on Dr Ambedkar)," the BJP leader said.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar hold posters of Mahatma Gandhi and march during the 1924 Congress Session's centenary celebrations (left); DK Shivakumar pins a Tricolour badge on Mallikarjun Kharge's coat, as Rahul Gandhi looks on, in Belagavi on Thursday | EXPRESS

CONGRESS LEADERS QUESTION HARYANA, MAHA POLL OUTCOME

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

AICC general secretary KC Venugopal and senior Congress leader **Jairam Ramesh** have expressed concern about the conduct of Assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra. Ramesh claimed that the elections to both the states were doctored and too much confusion took place in both the polls. "We (Congress) have lodged complaints about it, but they have not been taken seriously and have not been analysed effectively either. The day before yesterday, I filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the amendments to the Conduct of Election Rule, 1961," said Ramesh.

Briefing the media after the CWC meeting at Veera Soudhahere, Venugopal said so many memorandums were given to the EC to show our concern about the voters list. "The transparency of the EC has vanished. We are concerned about the amendments to the rules done by the Centre. Elections are not being conducted transparently. The Maharashtra elections held recently were not at all free and fair," he claimed.

Once again the Maharashtra and Haryana elections became a matter of discussion in the Congress party-fold. The two leaders said the party hopes to take several political issues to the people across the country in the next one year, which include those related to the Election Commission. When asked to elaborate on the complaints which the Congress has about the EC and whether there was a discussion regarding the recent loss of the party in the elections in Haryana and Maharashtra, Venugopal said, "There are many issues like voter lists, lack of transparency in elections, amendments in the election rules, and others. It is clear that the elections in Maharashtra were not free and fair," Venugopal reiterated.

Hitting out at the BJP and RSS, while alleging that the two had been attacking Mahatma Gandhi and Dr BR Ambedkar, Ramesh said the principles, teachings, and values of Gandhiji are under attack by the prime minister, home minister, RSS, and BJP. "We have decided to hold an AICC session in Gujarat in April, next year," he said.

Today, we rededicate ourselves to preserve, protect and promote the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. He has been and will continue to be the fundamental source of our inspiration

Sonia Gandhi, Congress RS member

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R Ashoka, LoP

No place for Bapu as 'Modern Gandhis' dominate event: HDK

MYSURU: Union minister HD Kumaraswamy on Thursday charged that the state government celebrating the Indian National Congress' 1924 Session's centenary in Belagavi has posters of "Modern Gandhis", while it has no place for Bapu's cutouts. He further said that while the Congress-led state government has planned year-long Gandhi centenary programmes, spending crores, "in Belagavi, however, only 'fake Gandhis' life-size cutouts are put up at an event organised by the fake Congress". Clarifying that he is not against organising events after Mahatma Gandhi, who fought for Freedom, he said that Gandhiji's Ramarajya vision is still missing in the state, with funds yet to be released to the village panchayats. There are cases of deaths of mothers and infants in hospitals and the government has failed to fill 2.75 lakh vacancies, he alleged. He added that the present Congress is not a party for the people, and lashed out at the government for increasing taxes and borrowing Rs 2 lakh crore, while still failing to provide housing to the homeless poor.

Mahatma's legacy under threat from those in power: Sonia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

CONGRESS Parliamentary Party chairperson **Sonia Gandhi** has expressed regret over her inability to attend the historic CWC meeting being held in Belagavi on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the 1924 Congress Session.

In a letter to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and members of the extended Congress Working Committee, she said, "I regret that I am unable to be present with all of you on this historic occasion."

The 39th Session of the Indian National Congress was held exactly a hundred years ago at this very location (Veera Soudha in Belagavi), she said, adding, "It is therefore only appropriate that you are assembled at Mahatma Gandhi Nagar. Mahatma Gandhi's becoming Congress President here then was a turning point for our party and for the Independence movement. It was a transformational milestone in our country's history."

Sonia said, "Today, we rededicate ourselves to preserve, protect and promote the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. He has been and will continue to be the fundamental source of our inspiration. It was he who moulded and guided all our remarkable galaxy of leaders of that generation."

Attacking the Centre, she alleged that Gandhi's legacy is under threat from those in power in New Delhi and the ideologies and institutions that have nurtured them. These organisations never fought for Freedom and opposed Mahatma Gandhi bitterly. They created a toxic atmosphere that led to his assassination. They glorify his killers, Sonia stated.

"Gandhian institutions in various places across the nation are under assault. It is therefore also fitting that this meeting is called Nava Satyagraha Baithak. It is now our sacred duty to renew our resolve to confront these forces with all the might at our command and with uncompromising determination," her letter stated.

On the possible outcome of the CWC being held in Belagavi, she said, ''Friends, I am sure that the issue of strengthening our organisation further to face the challenges it confronts will also come up today. Our great organisation with such a glorious history has, time and again, demonstrated its resilience.'' Lastly, Sonia said, "Let us individually and collectively move forward from this meeting firm in our resolve to meet the many challenges our party faces with a renewed sense of urgency and a refreshed sense of purpose."

'Shah's remarks BJP's fresh attack on Constitution'

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RESERVATIONS must be on the basis of social, economic, or educational backwardness determined through appropriate means, the CWC said.

Given the urgency to preserve, protect, and promote the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, as well as that of the Constitution, this movement will extend beyond January 26th, 2025, as well. Between January 26, 2025 and January 26, 2026, the Indian National Congress will launch a massive, nationwide public outreach campaign called the Samvidhan Bachao Rashtriya Padayatra in which all leaders will participate. This Padayatra will be from village to village, township to township in the form of a relay. The details will be announced shortly

Expressing concern over the alleged attack on the Constitution, Mahatma Gandhi and Ambedkar recently, the CWC said Home Minister Amit Shah's denigration of the latter in the Lok Sabha was BJP's fresh attack on the Constitution. In a political resolution passed on Thursday, the CWC demanded Shah's resignation and sought his apology to the nation.

CM Siddaramaiah tries his hand at a charkha at a khadi exhibition oranised as part of the 1924 Congress Session's centenary celebrations in Belagavi on Thursday | EXPRESS

The CWC said, "Unfortunately, as we enter the 75th year of our Republic in exactly a month's time, the Constitution faces its gravest threat yet. Jawaharlal Nehru had said that there is no doubt that no one took greater care and trouble over Constitution making than Dr. Ambedkar." The CWC said it is also profoundly distressed by the ongoing degradation of our democracy. Institutions such as the judiciary, the Election Commission, and the media have been politicised through executive pressure. Parliament has been gutted, as shown by the unprecedented obstruction of its proceedings by the treasury benches in the recently-concluded Winter Session of 2024. The Constitution's federal structure continues to be under attack, most recently from the Government's One Nation, One Election bill.

The CWC condemned the Centre's amendment to the Conduct of Election Rules 1961 undertaken on the recommendation of the Election Commission of India which restricts public access to crucial sections of poll documents. This undermines the principles of transparency and accountability that form the cornerstone of free and fair elections. "We have challenged these amendments in the Supreme Court. The way elections have been conducted in Haryana and Maharashtra especially, have already eroded the integrity of the electoral process."

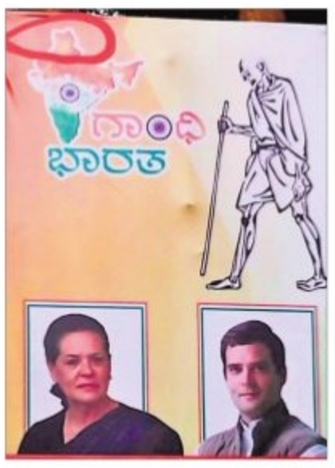
The CWC noted the slowdown in economy and an increase in prices of essential commodities, stating that "The Modi Government's economic policies are designed to enrich only a few of the PM's favourite business groups." It noted that oligopolies were growing and the integrity of regulators was being called into question.

BJP SLAMS GOP

'Cong must apologise for using distorted India map'

ENS @ Bengaluru

BJP state president BY Vijayendra took the Congress to task over using a distorted version of the India map in its publicity material, including banners at its centenary celebrations in Belagavi. "Isn't it like a stab in the soul of the Mahatma to cut off the crown of India, Kashmir? The Congress party members should clarify whether the centenary commemoration programme of the Belagavi Congress session, which is going to insult Gandhi, who tried till the last moment to prevent the existence of a united India and the partition of the country, is to glorify patriotism or to appease anti-national forces? Or to appease your friends, the Kashmiri separatists. I demand that the Congress party, which has committed both treason and betrayal of Gandhi by disfiguring the map of India and displaying a map of India without Kashmir, immediately apologise to the people of the country," Vijayendra posted on X.



A banner put up at the Congress event shows a distorted India map | EXPRESS

LoP R Ashoka also attacked the Congress, alleging that the Grand Old Party was always proved a divisive force.

BJP doesn't speak of real issues: Priyank

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CONTINUING his tirade against BJP, **Priyank Kharge** said, "I am surprised that BJP leaders are aware of where Lord Ganesh idols have been installed and flexes put up, but are unaware of BS Yediyurappa's POCSO case, CT Ravi's derogatory remarks and Munirathna's controversial acts."

"They (BJP leaders) have such people to divert people's attention from real issues. Do they talk about the economic status of the country, China issue and unemployment? They don't speak about these issues," he said.

On Shivakumar admitting to posters with the alleged distortion of India map, Kharge said, "Someone has put them. If we see them, they have a logo of a private company."

FIR filed against 100-150 people for throwing egg on MLA Munirathna

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Nandini Layout police investigating the egg-throwing incident on RR Nagar MLA Munirathna have arrested three persons in connection with the case. Vishwanath, Krishna Murthy and Chandru, who were taken into custody soon after the incident on Wednesday, were arrested and produced before a local court on Thursday, and were granted bail.

Meanwhile, two cases have been registered, one based on a complaint filed by Munirathna and the other on a counter-complaint filed by one of the arrested persons, alleging attack by the MLA's supporters.

Munirathna was discharged from hospital around 7.45 am on Thursday. On Wednesday evening, he refused to give his statement to a police sub-inspector and insisted that either an inspector or ACP visit him in the hospital. The police registered the FIR at 9.10 pm on Wednesday, after recording Munirathna's statement. A case has been registered against 100-150 unknown persons. The police are also waiting for the report from the KC General Hospital to ascertain if the egg contained any type of chemical. The egg samples have been sent to the FSL for the same.

The MLA, in his seven-page complaint, stated that the incident was part of a conspiracy to kill him. Mentioning that he was not provided with a gunman, despite a request to the state police on November 1, as there was threat to his life, the MLA alleged that he received a death threat on December 5 by two miscreants in the guise of advocates, asking him to resign as MLA and make way for Kusuma to win and become a minister like Laxmi Hebbalkar. The two miscreants are also alleged to have told him that Congress leader DK Suresh was very unhappy, following his loss in the general election. The duo are also said to have threatened to attack him with an egg containing acid and also tearing his clothes in public and smearing black ink on his face, if he did not resign.

Munirathna said he is under medication now, and that the police department is acting like a puppet of the government.

Yaduveer opposes renaming of Princess Road after Siddu

MYSURU: Mysore-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar on Thursday alleged that the attacks on the erstwhile Mysuru royal family has only increased after he entered Lok Sabha. Refusing to give further details, he said that the royal family is targeted when it comes to setting up Chamundi Hill Development Authority or Kurubarahalli land issue. Asked about former BJP MP Prathap Simha favouring renaming of a road after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, he said that the former had forgotten history. He shared that the KRS Road is named 'Princess Road', as Princess Krishnarajammani died of tuberculosis in 1904.

Contractor ends life, blames min's supporter of harassment in letter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bidar

A CONTRACTOR ended his life by falling on the railway track near Katti Tugaon village of Bhalki taluk here on Tuesday, accusing nine individuals, including former Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike corporator Raju Kapanoor – who is said to be a supporter of RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge -- of being responsible for him taking the extreme step.

The deceased has been identified as **Sachin** (26). Police said Sachin's body was found near the railway track near Katti Tugaon. They also recovered a seven-page letter reportedly written by Sachin.

According to sources, Sachin has alleged that nine persons, including Kapanoor, Nandkumar Nagabhujange, Gorakhnath Sajjan, Pratap Dheer Patil (Pappu Patil), Manoj Sejwal, Vikas HM, Vinay TP, Ramanagowda Patil and Satish Ratnakar, tortured him over paying a bribe of Rs 1 crore, even threatening to kill him.

It has been alleged in the letter that the said nine persons had already taken Rs 15 lakh from Sachin, and were demanding another Rs 1 crore for getting award for contract. Sachin said the people threatened to kill him, if he failed to pay the demanded amount. Owing to this torture, he decided to commit suicide, Sachin's letter states.

Meanwhile, Railway Police in Bidar registered an FIR against all the accused, and have shifted the body to Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences for postmortem.

Reacting, Kharge said, "The accused may belong to Congress or be my supporter or anybody else, however, the authorities should probe the incident and punish the guilty." Since the issue concerns his department, the latter would also hold an inquiry, he added.

Meanwhile, Kapanoor has released a video clip, in which he states that he had not demanded any bribe or harassed the deceased.

The Telangana government has made it clear that it wants at least 50% of the benefits from the Godavari - Cauvery linking project to be accrued to the state and that the water allocations mandated by the Tribunal should not be affected

Varsity rape case FIR leaked, NCW demands action

Software glitch may have allowed FIR to be downloaded, says Greater Chennai top cop

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

AMID outrage over the sexual assault of the student on Anna University campus and protests by students and opposition parties, a new controversy broke out on Thursday after the FIR filed on Tuesday by the Kotturpuram All Women Police Station (AWPS) in the case landed in public domain. The FIR had graphic details about the ordeal suffered by the student and her name, address and phone number, sources said.

While the AIADMK and BJP hit the streets on Thursday, and the saffron party alleged that the accused was a DMK office-bearer, Law Minister S Regupathi rejected the allegations as untrue. The accused, Gnanasekaran (37), a local biryani vendor, was booked under Section 63, 64 and 75 of the BNS, 2023. Though it's unclear if the FIR was downloaded from the Tamil Nadu police's CCTNS portal, a message on the police website later on Thursday said the FIR was blocked by a competent authority.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday evening, Greater Chennai Police Commissioner A Arun said a possible software glitch may have allowed the FIR to be downloaded.

Meanwhile, chairperson of National Commission of Women (NCW) Vijaya Rahatkar wrote to Director General of Police Shankar Jiwal stating that the leak of the FIR was a violation under Section 72 of the BNS, 2023, and guidelines issued by the Supreme Court in the Nipun Saxena vs Union of India case.

Strict action must be taken against the police officers responsible for this as it has compromised the identity of the victim, the commission said. Sources said the NCW is also likely to send a committee to Chennai to take stock of the issue.

CPI (M), an ally of the ruling DMK, also issued a statement condemning the release of the FIR and demanded action against those responsible for it.

While BJP's state chief K Annamalai alleged that the leaking of the FIR was done to "malign the victim's character", PMK president Dr Anbumani Ramadoss condemned the police department for being "irresponsible" and causing further mental agony to the survivor.

In the letter to Jiwal, the NCW had also asked the Tamil Nadu police to include Section 71 of the BNS which covers punishment for repeat offenders as Gnanasekaran had been found to be a habitual offender and had committed similar crimes in the past. If convicted, Gnanasekaran would be sentenced to life imprisonment under the section.

20 YEARS ON...

Women, who lost their relatives in the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, weep after paying homage in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu on Thursday. The giant waves had swallowed 7,993 people in the state, including 6,065 in Nagapattinam district alone. The tsunami was triggered by an earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean near the island of Sumatra in Indonesia | ANTONY FERNANDO

EXPRESS READ

Sabarimala temple closed after Mandala pooja

Pathanamthitta: The Sabarimala temple was closed on Thursday after the Mandala pooja, marking the culmination of the 41-day pilgrimage season. Since the opening of the sanctum sanctorum of the hill shrine on November 15, around 32.50 lakh devotees visited the temple. The temple will reopen at 5pm on December 30 for the Makaravilakku festival, which falls on January 14, 2025. The ritualistic Mandala pooja was held between noon and 12.30pm on Thursday and the temple was closed at night after Harivarasanam. ENS

TG CM Revanth moots cess on movie tickets

Hyderabad: The Telangana government has proposed to levy cess on movie tickets for use in the construction of Integrated Residential Schools in the state. It is one of the few ideas that CM Revanth Reddy floated at the crucial meeting here with the Tollywood's star-spangled delegation on Thursday. He also made it clear that the government would not give permission for an increase in ticket prices. ENS

Cloudy sky, light rain over parts of Karnataka

Bengaluru: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast cloudy sky and light rain in parts of Karnataka for the next two days. This is owing to the presence of a well marked low pressure area over southwest and adjoining west central Bay of Bengal off South Andhra Pradesh-North Tamil Nadu coasts, and an associated cyclonic circulation extending up to 3.1 km above mean sea level. ENS

Dr Singh a statesman of unparalleled wisdom: Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

POLITICAL leaders cutting across party lines remembered former Prime Minister **Dr Manmohan Singh** as a visionary statesman and a brilliant economist, who left an indelible mark on our nation.

Dr Singh passed away at the age of 92 on Thursday evening.

Karnataka Chief minister Siddaramaiah stated that Dr Singh was a statesman of unparalleled wisdom and his leadership and vision left an indelible mark on our nation. "It was during his tenure as PM that I became the CM of Karnataka for the first time. His encouragement of our budgetary measures and the influence of landmark UPA policies like the Right to Food Act shaped Karnataka's progress and welfare initiatives," he remembered, adding that Singh's legacy will continue to inspire generations.

Former PM and JD(S) patriarch HD Deve Gowda remembered Singh as a good and patient man, a brilliant economist, and a colleague he valued and respected. "He will be remembered in history as the man who changed the course of India's economic future." Stating that history shall undoubtedly judge him kindly, All-India Congress Committee (AICC) President Mallikarjun Kharge said, "With the passing of the former PM, India has lost a visionary statesman, a leader of unimpeachable integrity, and an economist of unparalleled stature. His policy of economic liberalisation and rights-based welfare paradigm profoundly transformed the lives of crores of Indians, virtually creating a Middle Class in India and lifting crores out of poverty."

7-day state mourning, holiday today in K'taka

Karnataka government has declared a seven-day state mourning as a mark of respect for former PM Dr Manmohan Singh, who passed away on Thursday. CM Siddaramaiah has announced a government holiday on Friday.

Remembering Dr Singh as a lifelong senior colleague, a gentle intellectual and a humble soul who embodied the aspirations of India, Kharge said he was proud to have been a part of his cabinet as Labour Minister, Railway Minister and Social Welfare Minister.

"A man of action rather than words, his immense contribution to nation-building will forever be etched in the annals of Indian history," he said, adding that Dr Singh's legacy of ushering in India's growth, welfare, and policies of inclusivity will forever be cherished.

Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries and state JDS president HD Kumaraswamy said, "With his vision, composure, and unparalleled economic expertise, Dr Manmohan Singh led the nation with strength and stability during challenging times. Through his economic reforms, he earned global recognition for India. His contributions are extraordinary and unforgettable."

Visionary leader, man of immense Tehzeeb: Atheeq

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

SENIOR IAS officer of 1991 batch, Karnataka cadre and Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), LK Atheeq's first interaction with former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh soon after he joined the prime minister's office (PMO) as director in 2007 was an eye opener and a lesson for the rest of his professional life as a bureaucrat.

He reminisced: "As part of the protocol, I was taken to the then prime minister's official residence 7, Race Course Road, to meet Dr Manmohan Singh. He was sitting near his writing table. He got up and greeted me and asked me my background and enquired about my family. I was taken aback by his extraordinary Tehzeeb (culture). As bureaucrats, we don't get up to greet our juniors but here I was in front of the PM and he had stood up to greet me. Not only that, he was reaching out to me regarding my family; whether they were well-settled in New Delhi," Atheeq, who spent five years in PMO (2007-2012), drafted Dr Singh's speeches on agriculture, education, nutrition, skill training etc, said.

"Most of his speeches were written in Urdu. He was proficient, scholarly, and a very fine gentleman....(He) was a visionary, an intellectual, who advised us to read well and then prepare notes on policy matters and not go by our biases and opinions."

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(Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids for **Capital and Station improvements works coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.**

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "Karnataka Public Procurement Portal" mode can be obtained by logging on to Karnataka Public Procurement Portal's website **"https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in" on or after 25.12.2024.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidyuth Nagar, Karwar Road, Hubballi-580024.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE
O. A. No.1194/2022

BETWEEN : Canara Bank, Retail Asset Hub, No. 38 and 39, 5th Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru -560003,By its Senior Manager, Sri K.J.Babu, Son of Sri M.K.John,Aged about 59 Years ... APPLICANT

AND

Sri K C Raja and others ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS NO.1, 3, 4 AND 6 TO 9

1.SRI RAJA K C, Son of Sri Channappa, Aged about 54 years, No. 30/8, 5th Main Kapila River, BSK 3rd Stage, Dattatreya Nagar, Hoskerehalli, Bangalore-560 085
3. SRI DIWAKAR S., Aged about 59 years, No. 24/1, 2nd Main,2nd Cross, Byrappa Garden Bangalore-560 085
4. MRS. R AUDI LAKSHMI, Wife of R Pratap Kumar Reddy, Aged about 48 years, Flat No. A-4, Samhita Ritz Apartment, Rahath Bagh, Nagavarapalya,C V Raman Nagar Post Bangalore-560 093
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2. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **07/02/2025 at 11 A.M.** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
3. Take notice that, in default of, your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 19th Day of December 2024.

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue summons

Prepared and filed by M. S. Vinayaka
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Therefore Anyone having any manner of right, title interest or claim over the same or objecting to the sale, may lodge their objections/claims together with the documents evidencing the same, with the undersigned **within 10 days** of the publication of this notice, failing which it will be deemed that the Schedule Properties is free from claims/ encumbrances whatsoever and my clients will proceed with the purchase of the same.

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All that piece and parcel of the immoveable Property being vacant site bearing No.443, carved in Sy.No.33 of Attur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, **BBMP Khatha No.560/ 33/443, E-Khatha New EPID No.7083851026,** measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. and bounded on the :- **East by :** Road, **West by:** Site No.458, **North by :** Site No.444, **South by :** Road.

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Place: Bangalore, Date: 25-12-2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client Sri. Dhanpal I. Sakaria S/o Sri. Inder Kumar D Jain, residing at No.33/1, "Sakaria Nivas" Nehru Nagar, Seshadripuram, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560020, is intending to purchase the property bearing plot new No.132/A2 having PID No.77-58-132/2(Old No.132/A1 and 44/A), EPID No.3542999892, situated at 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020, which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder from the present owners Sri. Arun Pai, Smt. Chitra Anil Baliga and Smt. Bindya Shankar Baliga all are residing at Flat No.302, Srikakulam KT49 Apts, 30/1-13, Palace Cross Road, Chandavarkar Layout, Bangalore-560020. Anybody who has any sort of claims against the schedule property or has any sort of objection as to the vendors capability to deal with the schedule property, may lodge their claim/ objection to the undersigned with supporting documents within **Fifteen Days (15) days** and if no objections are received my client will purchase the property as if there is no claim/objection at all.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Plot bearing New No.132/A2 having PID No.77-58-132/2 (Old Nos.132/A1 and No. 44/A), and EPID No.3542999892, situated at 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020, measuring East to West 72 feet along the Northern Side and 70 feet along with Southern Side, North to South 40 feet don both the Eastern and Western Side (2840 Square Feet) and bounded on

EAST : Private Road 18 feet in width
WEST : Plot No.159, Sripuram, Sheshadripuram
NORTH : Plot No.132/A3
SOUTH : Plot No.132/A1

R. ANIL KUMAR, ADVOCATE
#2, Janak Residency, Kumara Krupa Main Road, Madhavanagar, Bengaluru-560001
Ph: 9900714449.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,
Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.

Short Term Tender Notification-21/2024-25Date: 20-12-2024
(Two document System & KPPP System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.P.P.P on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as KPWD Class-IV and Above. (Sl.No-01 and Sl.No-02 for SC Category Contractors and Sl.No-03 for ST Category Contractors Should be participated) The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through K.P.P. portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

Repairs and Improvements works for Tanks, Waste weir and channels (15 works) in Soraba Taluk of Shivamogga dist Amount put to tender **Rs. 59.48 Lakhs to Rs. 24.41 Lakhs** and EMD **Rs. 1.01 Lakhs to Rs. 0.25 lakhs**

1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through KPPP) will be on **26.12.2024 to 03.01.2025 up to 5.30 PM** 2) Last date for queries Dtd: **02/01/2025 up to 5.30 PM** 3) Opening of technical bid will be on **06-01-2025 @ 11.00 AM** 4) Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.

For more details visit website from date-**26-12-2024** at **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

DIPR/SMG/No-163-12/zenkar/2024-25

Sd/-
Executive Engineer. KNNL, DRP Division, Shikaripura

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173)

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Smt.Jayalakshmi M
Mobile No: +91-99451 43159
Landline No.(office):080-25943663/3664
E-mail – sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

3rd Floor, Building No.11/90
Near Old Shivaji Theatre, OPP: Trustwell Hospital
J.C. Road, Bengaluru-560 002.
Ph: 25943663, 25943664
E-mail – sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Contact No. : Sri Paramesh -8867732563

APPENDIX-IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction 30 days Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagers in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, State Bank of India, the Physical possession of which have been taken on 06.05.2024 by the Authorised Officer, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **28.01.2025** for recovery of **Rs.57,13,520/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty only) as on 23.12.2024 and further interest at contractual rate with incidental expenses, costs due to State Bank of India, Secured creditors from **Smt. Sweta Mathur & Sri. Kshitij Mathur.**

The reserve price, earnest money deposit, bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.90,96,000/-	Rs.9,09,600/-	Rs.50,000/-	11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.on 28.01.2025	On or before 27.01.2025 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Title deed holders: Smt. Sweta Mathur & Sri. Kshitij Mathur
Deed of Sale Regd.Doc.No.HLS-1-04921-2014-15, CD. No. HLSD111 dated 27.01.2015 at SRO Halasuru, Bengaluru.
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All That Piece And Parcel of the residentially converted lands bearing Survey Nos. 53/1 and 54, admeasuring 9 acres, situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East (formerly South) Taluk, duly converted for non- agricultural / residential purposes vide Official Memorandum No. B.DIS.ALN. SR.(S) 270/91-92, dated 20.04.1992 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner and presently bearing BBMP Katha No. 2970/1 Kasavanahalli Grama, Bellandur Sub Division, bounded on the **East by:**Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 53/1 and 54, **West by:**Property of Military, **North by**: Road and **South by**: Property of Military.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 407 Square feet of Undivided Share, right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the Schedule "A" Property.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY:A Three-bedroom apartment bearing No. **H 1504, Fourteenth Floor,** Block No. H of the Residential Apartment Complex known as "EVERGREENS" to be built at the cost of the Purchaser(s) on the Schedule 'A' Property measuring **1216** square feet super built-up area together with proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and exclusive right to use the **1** no of **surface** car park, flooring- vitrified tiles, standing in the joint names of Smt. Sweta Mathur & Sri. Kshitij Mathur

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,Bengaluru i.e..,**www.sbi.co.in** and website maintained by PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd, **https://baanknet.com.**

Date: 26.12.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173)

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Smt.Jayalakshmi M
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Contact No. : Sri Paramesh -8867732563

APPENDIX-IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction 15 days Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagers in particular that the below described immovable propertymortgagedto the Secured creditor, State Bank of India, the Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **21.01.2025** for recovery of **Rs. 66,25,807/-** (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven only) as on 23.12.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 24.12.2024 with incidental expenses, costs due to State Bank of India, Secured creditors from **Mrs. Preethi,** D/o. Rathnavelu & **Mr.Yoganand.R,** S/o. Rathnavelu.

The reserve price, earnest money, deposit, bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.58,56,000/-	Rs.5,85,600/-	Rs.25,000/-	11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.on 21.01.2025	On or before 20.01.2025 up to 16.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Title deed holders: Mrs. Preethi & Mr.Yoganand. R.
Regd.Absolute Sale Deed No. BGR-1-00128-2018-19, CD. No.BGRD328 dated 05.04.2018 at SRO Jayanagar (Begooru) Bengaluru.
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy.No.53/1 (vide ConversionOrder bearing No. ALN.(S.B)(B.H)S.R:93/13-14 dated 13.03.2014 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 0-30 ½ Gunats,presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), having Khatha No.25, BBMP Ward No.191 and bounded as follows: East by: Central Prison Property, West by: A Portion of land in Sy.No.53/1,North by: Remaining portion of land in same Sy.No.53/1 measuring 0-14 ½ (Fourteen and Half) Guntas retained by L.Mahesh and South by: Road.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.310in Third Floor with 3 BHK having super built up area of 1370 Sq.feet with anundivided 376 Sq.feet of share, right, title and interest in the land/ Schedule'A' Property and One Car parking for flat 310 in the stilt/basement floor beingthe part of the apartment building known as "BLUE BELLS" constructed on theSchedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete Block Masonry, MainDoor Teak frame and Steam breach Veneered flush shutter and room doors Sal woodwith water proof flush shutters, Powder coated aluminium windows with glass andsafety grills, Ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows: East by: Corridor& Flat No.303 & 304, West by: Open to Sky, North by: Flat No.309 and South by: Flat No.311.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru i.e..,www.sbi.co.in and website maintained by PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd, https://baanknet.com

Date: 26.12.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client Digital Waves International Private Limited, represented by its Director Mr. K Raghavendra, would like to inform the General Public that it intends to purchase the Schedule Property described in Item No. 1 to 6 below from its current owners.

If anybody has any charge, lien, interest or title or claim or agreement on the Schedule Property Item Nos. 1 to 6 listed below, they should come forth with copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. In the event no such legally tenable claim is received within the above period, our Client shall proceed with the transaction as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No. 1: All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No.253/1 measuring 36 Guntas excluding 02 Guntas of kharab land situated at Sankighatta Village, Tippasandra Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, which is bounded on: East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 261/1, Sy. No. 261/2 & Sy. No. 261/3; West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 253/2; North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 252; South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 258/2.

Current Owner: Smt. Hanumakka. G. W/o. Late. K. Nanjappa

ITEM No. 2: All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 253/2 measuring 36 Guntas situated at Sankighatta Village, Tippasandra Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, which is bounded on: East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 253/1; West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 250, Sy. No. 251/4, & Sy. No. 254 ; North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 252; South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 258/1 & Sy. No. 258/2.

Current Owner: Smt. Hanumakka. G. W/o. Late. K. Nanjappa

ITEM No. 3 : All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 258/1 measuring 34 Guntas situated at Sankighatta Village, Tippasandra Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, which is bounded on: East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 258/2; West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 254; North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 253/2; South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 257 & Sy. No. 259.

Current Owner: Smt. Hanumakka. G. W/o. Late. K. Nanjappa

ITEM No. 4 : All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy No. 258/2 measuring 35 Guntas situated at Sankighatta Village, Tippasandra Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, which is bounded on: East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 260; West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 258/1; North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 253/1 & Sy. No. 253/2; South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 259.

Current Owner: Smt. Hanumakka. G. W/o. Late. K. Nanjappa

ITEM No. 5 : All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 251/3 measuring 20 Guntas situated at Sankighatta Village, Tippasandra Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, which is bounded on: East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 252; West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 140; North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 251/2; South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 251/4.

Current Owner: Smt. Shanthamma W/o. Sri. Umesh M.S

ITEM No. 6 : All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 261/2 measuring 27 Guntas excluding 01 Gunta of kharab land situated at Sankighatta Village, Tippasandra Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, which is bounded on: East by : Government Road; West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 253/1; North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 261/1; South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 260.

Current Owner: Smt. Hanumakka. G. W/o. Late. K. Nanjappa

December 25, 2024
Bengaluru

Signed **Mr. Varun Pai,** Advocate
#287, S.R. Towers, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Jagajyothi Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru-56. Ph. No. 8050922124

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that my client Sri.S.M. KAMAL PASHA S/o Late Syed Ismail, Proprietor of M/s.Golden Hatcheries and Director of M/s.Greenergy Wind Corporation Pvt Ltd., aged about 70 years, Permanent Resident of No.3, 4th Main, Jayamahal Extension, Bengaluru-560046, is the sole and absolute owner of the immovable properties of the below mentioned land Survey Numbers original Sale Deed & related Documents in connection with the Properties have been lost/misplaced by the Owner.

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Village	Hobli	Taluk	District	Registered Original Sale Deed
1	64/1	Adavisomapura	Betageri	Gadag	Gadag	No.GDG-1-00794/ 17-18 dt.25.4.17
2	81/2+ 3/B	Papanasi	Betageri	Gadag	Gadag	No.GDG-1-10068/ 16-17 dt.29.12.16
3	68/5	Adavisomapura	Betageri	Gadag	Gadag	No.GDG-1-10703/ 16-17 dt.20.1.17
4	91/4	Adavisomapura	Betageri	Gadag	Gadag	No.GDG-1-10708/ 16-17 dt.20.1.17
5	403/1	Nej	Sadalagi	Chikkodi	Belgaum	No.SAD-1-02294/ 13-14 dt.26.12.13
6	412/4	Nej	Sadalagi	Chikkodi	Belgaum	No.SAD-1-03240/ 11-12 dt.15.12.12
7	412/5	Nej	Sadalagi	Chikkodi	Belgaum	No.SAD-1-03241/ 11-12 dt.15.12.12
8	37/5	Hanumanahalli	Kuppaluru	Rane-bennur	Haveri	No.RNR-1-11479/ 22-23 dt.15.02.2023

Despite best efforts, the Owner is unable to trace the aforementioned Original Documents for which a Police Complaint intimating the loss of the Original Documents has been filed with Bengaluru Rural Police Station, vide Lost Report No. 1399156/2024 Dated 24/12/2024.

Members of the public are hereby notified that in the event any person/s has/have found/ discovered/ is in custody of the Original Documents, such person/s is/are hereby requested to return the said Original Documents to the undersigned, at the below mentioned address.

ZAMEER PASHA
Advocate
No.319/1 to 329, 2nd Floor, Thimmaiah Road, Queens Road Cross, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore-560 052. Ph: 99025 57722.

Dated 26.12.2024.
Bangalore.

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD

{Formerly Known As Equitas Finance Ltd}
Registered Office: No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai, TN - 600 002.# 044-42995000, 044-42995050

SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002, R/w rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, Co borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., will be sold on 13-01-2025 "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" for recovery of below mentioned amount due to Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., from the following borrowers.

Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address Total Due + Interest from	Description of the Immovable Property
1. MR.MOHAMMED ANEESARAFATH KHAN S/O. MR.MOHAMMED AMIAD ALI KHAN 2. MRS.TABASSUM. N W/O.MR. MOHAMMED ANEESARAFATH KHAN Both are residing at OLD NO. 17, NEW NO. 22, 18TH CROSSBYRAPPA LAYOUT,NEAR RASHIDIYA MASJIDGOVINDAPURA, BANGALORE KARNATAKA 560045 Loan Account No. EMFCNTBN0009015 Claim Amount Due Rs.2759340/- as on 04-06-2021 with further interest from 05-06-2021 with monthly rest, charges and costs etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs. 4455123.55/- as on 26-12-2024).	All the piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No.45, Property No. 501/45, Katha No.436, Converted Sy.No.252/1, Vide Conversion order No. ALN SR.62/87-88, Dt:4/5/1988, Situated at Madapatna Village, Haragadde Dhakale, Haragadde Village Panchayathi, Jigan Hobli, Anekal Tq and Bangalore.And bounded on the: North by: Site No.46, South by: Road, East by: Site No.44, West by: Mr. C.Nagaraj Land, Measurement: East to West 40 Ft and North to South 30 Ft, Total extent 1200 Sqft, Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Basavanagudi (Jigani) and Registration District of Bangalore. together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs. 22,95,000/- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 2,29,500/-** **Rakesh M V- 96115001000 Lakshith T H- 9945381028**

Date of Auction: 13-01-2025

For detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction sale, please refer to the link provided in www.equitasbank.com&https://www.bankeauctions.com

Date:27.12.2024
Place:-Chennai

Sd/-Authorized Officer,
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANAGERE AND CHITRADURGA DIST CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

Machenahalli, Nidige Post, Shivamogga – 577 222

IFT:No:SDCMUL/PUR/E.Proc/Tender-281D/7406/2024-25 Date: 23.12.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only - Logon to: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Shivamogga, Davanagere and Chitradurga Dist Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd., invites in two tender document system i.e. technical and commercial system from the manufactures or from interested eligible bidders for supply of following materials.

S.N	Particulars	Qty	EMD in ₹
1	Printing, Supply and Installation of Back Lit (Glow Sign Flex) Board in the specified Area/Location of Shivamogga, Davanagere & Chitradurga	5,000 Sq Ft	37,500/-
2	Printing and Supply of Flex for Banner to Shivamogga Dairy	5,000 Sq ft	2,500/-
3	Printing, Supply and Installation of Vinyl Sun Board in the Specified Area/ Location of Shivamogga, Davanagere & Chitradurga	5,000 Sq ft	11,250/-
4	Printing, Supply and Installation of Vinyl Stickering in the Specified Area/ Location of Shivamogga, Davanagere & Chitradurga	15,000/- Sq.ft	26,250/-
5	Printing and Supply of A-Sign Board to Shivamogga Dairy	100 Nos	5,000/-
6	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Nitrogen Gas Cylinder on outright basis along with food grade certificate (Cylinder returnable basis) 7 cubic meter per cylinder to Shivamogga Dairy	480 Nos	17,400/-
7	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Carbon Di Oxide Gas Cylinder on outright basis along with Food Grade Certificate (Cylinder returnable basis) 31 Kg per Cylinder to Shivamogga Dairy	120 Nos	6,200/-
8	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Common Salt for Water Softener regeneration process to Shivamogga Dairy	75,000 Kg	12,500/-
9	Issue of Uniform Shoes, Socks & Ladies Chappal	212 Pairs	23,300/-
10	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Caustic Soda Lye on Liquid Solution basis in 75 Kgs Carboys and empty Carboys on returnable basis to Shivamogga Dairy	1,56,000 Kg	1,05,000/-
11	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of S30 Grade Plantation white sugar to Shivamogga Dairy	75,000 Kg	82,500/-
12	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of 5 Kg Curd Containers (Bucket) with our art work to Shivamogga Dairy	7,000 Nos	10,325/-
13	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of 10 Kg Curd Containers (Bucket) with our art work to Shivamogga Dairy	15,000 Nos	36,750/-

1. Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement Portal of GOK from : 27.12.2024
2. Last date for uploading the filled Tender documents : on or before 13.01.2025 up to 16.00 Hours
3. Date of opening of Technical Tender : 15.01.2025 at 17.00 Hours
4. Date of opening of Commercial Tender : 16.01.2025 at 17.00 Hours

The bidder may download the tender documents with the Technical Specification & Terms & conditions of the tender by paying e-portal fees.

The details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by login to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Any additional information regarding tender may be obtained from **A.M (Pur) during office hours, e-mail id : dmpur.shimul@gmail.com contact nos: 08182-246161 Mob: 7760971951.**

Sd/- Managing Director

FLUID CONTROL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(Under Government of India, Ministry of Heavy Industries)
KANJIKODE WEST, PALAKKAD – 678 623, KERALA, INDIA
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TENDER

FCRI invites Tenders for **"Engagement of Agency for Conduct & Management of Computer based Examinations including online Applications for Recruitments"** from eligible bidders through GeM Portal.

The Notice Inviting Tender is posted at www.fcriindia.com.

EMD: Rs.75000/-

Tender start date: 20.12.2024 **Bid Closing Date: 20.01.2025**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Yelahanka Zone
Bellary Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore - 560 092.

No.:EE/ELE/YZ/TN/GN/05/2024-25 Date:26.12.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK KPP Portal only) (Single Cover System)

The Executive Engineer (Elect), Yelahanka Zone, invites item rate tenders from eligible contractors for the works detailed in the table below.

Repairs and Replacements of damaged cables, poles, park fittings, Providing and installation of Poles and lights to the Gym equipment area and playground yard and Repairs and shifting of existing High Masts to road side and trencheless cabling works, Providing AB Cable, Repairs and Improvements of electrical installations of Pole, Lights, Cables in different parks of various wards at Yelahanka Constituency.

Reserved for General Category

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Est. Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	No. of Works
1	Ward No. 01 to 04	8.22 to 33.89	20,550 to 68,000	03
2	Ward No. 02	8.46 & 33.89	21,200 & 67,800	02
3	Ward No. 03	25.42	51,000	01
4	Ward No. 04	8.47 & 25.41	21,200 & 50,850	02
5	Ward No. 05	33.89	67,800	01
6	Ward No. 05 to 14	12.71	31,800	01
7	Ward No. 12 & 13	25.42 & 33.61	50,850 & 67,250	02

Reserved for SC Category

Operation and maintenance of Musical Dancing Fountain, Providing AB Cable and accessories and Improvements of electrical installations in various parks.

8	Ward No. 04	8.47	10,600	01
9	Ward No. 14	12.70	16,000	01
			Total Works	**14**

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 27.12.2024 onwards. 2)** Last date for uploading tender documents: **03.01.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 3)** Date of opening of bids: **04.01.2025 at 4.00 p.m**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer(Elect), Yelahanka Zone.

Karnataka Public works Department.

Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/AE.1/T.No.28/2024-25 Dt: 23.12.2024

Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW-3 & 4
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 02 work under 5054 MDR Improvements Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through K.P.P.Portal.(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) The dates are published as below. (Maximum amount Put to Tender Rs.161.98 Lakhs, Minimum amount Put to Tender Rs.80.75 Lakhs, Maximum EMD Amt Rs.242964/- & Minimum EMD Amt Rs.161505/-)

1. Last date for tender information enqueries : 07-01-2025: 17.30 2. Last date for submission of tender: 08-01-2025: 17.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid: 09-01-2025 : 17.15. 4. Date of opening the Financial bid: 10-01-2025 : 11.00. Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

DIPR/TUM/504/KSMCA/2024-25

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)

Ref: No: EE/ UTP/PB-3/2024-25/2105,2106,2107,2108 dated 24-12-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal system)

Percentage tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, from eligible bidders who satisfies through GO KPPP platform shall submit the bid as per Ref in two cover Electronic document system for four Works under the head of account 4701 for Tender amount of **Rs.620.91** Lakhs (with GST). The details is as follows for **Indent No:2460, 2461, 2462 & 2472**

(1)The contractor can have access to e tender documents for above Tenders **From:24-12-2024 upto 03-01-2025 5-00 pm** (2) Last Date and time for tender queries before **30-12-2024 Upto 04.00** PM (3) Technical Bid will be opened On **04-01-2025 @ 05-30PM** & financial Bid will be opened after the Approval Technical Bid at office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, UTP Division, Ranebennur. Any changes made in the said Notification Corrected /Corrigendum's will be uploaded in the e procurement portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, U.T.P. Division, Ranebennur.

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(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

DEMAND NOTICE - NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB). The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable propert/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same.

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)(NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1.	**BRANCH - UTTRAHALLI Loan No - EMFIBUTH0073108 & ELPIBUTH0073109 BORROWER - MR. J VASU Co-Borrower - MRS. D SUNITHA**	**11-12-2024 & 53,01,250**	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Flat bearing No.FF-1 in 1st Floor of the multistoried building known as "SS SUNSHINE" with super built up area 1195 Sq., Feet with one covered car parking space with UDS 240 Sq., Feet Formed in Old No.69/195, Site No.69, Property Register No.191, Present BBMP Khatha No.191/69/195 formed in Sy.No.2/1, in the layout Dwarakanagara, converted for residential purpose vide conversion no. ALN (SR) (S)299/96-97 situated at Channasandra village, Utrahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on: North by: Site No.63, South by: Road, East by: Site No.68, West by: Site No.70. Measurement: super built up area 1195 Sq.ft. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of BASAVANAGUDI (CHAMARAJAPETE) and Registration District of BANGALORE

Date - 27.12.2024, Place - Bangalore **Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office : ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal - 700091
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Sadique Ahmed Laskar/ Smriti Laskar/ Flat No. 18047 Sobha Dream Acres Panathur Main Road Sobha Balagere Varthur Bengaluru Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka Bangalore- 560087/ TBGUW00006378075 & LBGUW00006473567	Dag No 544, 545, Patta No 229, 230, Thana and Sub Registry Office- Silchar, District- Cachar, Pargana- Barakpar, Mouza- Uttar Krishna Pur Part- I, Assam Silchar, Admeasuring An Area of 10 Katha./ Date of Physical 21.12.2024	October 30,2023 Rs. 1,55,50,869.00/-	Banga-lore/ Silchar

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: December 27, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE (RACPC-4), WHITEFIELD (17753)
No.117, Ground Floor, Neil Rao Towers, Road No. 3, EPIP Phase 1, Whitefield Road, Bengaluru - 560 066.
Tel : 080-28411010/1020, E-Mail : sbi.17753@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWERS

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers : **1) Smt. Meena Devi Kolla W/o. Sri. M.K. Prakash 2) Sri. M.K. Prakash, S/o. Sri. Kantharaj Setty,** has defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

1) Name and Address of the Borrowers : 1. Smt. Meena Devi Kolla W/o. Sri. M.K. Prakash, # 9/450, 4th Main, 7th Cross, Shakambari Nagar, J.P.Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560078. **Also at : (i)** V.P. Katha No.158/175, Sy No. 158/175 and Sy No.28, Basavanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru - 562123. **(ii)** No. 61/202, 6th Main, 7th Phase, J P Nagar, M S Ramaih City, Bengaluru - 560076. **(iii)** M/s. Dhatri Inc, 1st Floor, No. 61, Premier Lotus, Kothanur Dinne Main Road, J P Nagar, Bengaluru-560076. **2)Sri. M.K. Prakash,** S/o. Sri. Kantharaj Setty, # 9/450, 4th Main, 7th Cross, Shakambari Nagar, J.P.Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560078. **Also at : (i)** V.P. Katha No.158/175, Sy No. 158/175 and Sy No. 28, Basavanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru-562123. **(ii)** No.61/202, 6th Main, 7th Phase, J P Nagar, M S Ramaiah City, Bengaluru-560076. (iii) Garuda System & Studio, No. 450, 4th Main Road, Shakambari Nagar, J.P.Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560078.

A/c Nos. (1) HL 37445366535, (2) Top-Up Loan 38706169181, (3) Suraksha 38340148278
Demand Notice: 11.12.2024 **NPA Date : 09.12.2024**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : Rs.92,97,268/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight Only) as on 09.12.2024. You are also liable to pay further interest at the contractual rate from 10.12.2024 on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.

Description of the Property : All that piece and parcel of Residential house property bearing V.P.Katha No.158/175, e Katha No. 150300700100894, Kaneshumari No.158/175, Site in layout formed in converted land bearing Sy Nos.25/1 and Sy No.28 of Basavanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and Site measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, totally in all 1,200 sq. feet with building thereon standing in the name of Sri. M.K. Prakash S/o. Sri. Kantharaj Setty and **bounded on : East by :** Site No.164, **West by :** 30 feet Road, **North by :** Site No.174, **South by :** Site No.176.

Relinquishment Deed dated 15.11.2017 has been registered in favour of Sri.M.K.Prakash S/o Sri.Kantharaj Setty in Book No.1 under Document No.NMG-1-06933-2017-18 stored in CD No.NMGD406 at the Office of Sub Registrar, Nelamangala on 15.11.2017.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers /mortgager are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/mortgager attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 11.12.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager**
Place : Bengaluru **State Bank of India, RACPC - 4, Whitefield, Bengaluru.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are undertaking an investigation on the title in relation to the below mentioned 'SCHEDULE PROPERTY' herein to be purchased by my client.

It is observed that the Original Title Deeds dated 24/03/1969 doc.no. 3752/1968-69 and 08/06/1970 doc.no.799/1970-71 of the Schedule Property has been lost or misplaced by the previous Vendors.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owner asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever with respect to the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Property. the said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owner and the above mentioned 'Bank' has/have any right title interest or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Municipal No., 55/1, PID No., 72-13-55/1, comprising of Land measuring East to West : 50 Feet, and North to South : 20 Feet 6 inches with the total area measuring 1025 Square Feet; situated in Domlur Village, Bangalore, and bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property bearing No.54 of Domlur Village, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Private Property.

Sd/- **Kavitha S. & Associates,**
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
1006/1, 2nd Floor, Balaji Building,
1st Cross M E S Colony, H A L Airport Exit Road, Bangalore - 560 017;
Tel : 080-43707332; Mobile: 96868 58225

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST DOCUMENT

My Client Mr. Y.M. V Rudra Prasad Son of Y.M. Veeranna. Residing at 2645/3 10th Division M.C.C. B Block, 5th Ward Davangere-577004.

Has irretrievable lost the original Gift Deed Dated 21-06-2012, Registered as Documents Book NO: GAN -1-00948-2012-13, CD NO: GAND137 registered at the office of the sub register Gandi Nagar Banglore. My client has lodged a Police complaint for lost article on 23/12/24, 6:45 P.M. under acknowledgment issued by the Karnataka state Police Davangere.

SL. No. 1397152
Lost Report No. 1397152/2024

If any Person/s found the laid gift deed Please come forward with in a period of 7 days from the date of Publication of this Notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using the missing documents.

Kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address with 07 days from this paper publication else there won't be any Further claims from theorem.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Corporation NO: 16, 17, 18 and 18/1 situated at 4th Main Road Gandi Nagar Banglore - 560009. Measuring North to South 80+85x2 and East West 70+39x2. Total land area 4,496 S.F.T and which the schedule be property being constructed and bonding on East by Premises No: 15 West by 4th main Road of Gandi Nagar North by 4th cross Road, South. by Private property.

Schedule 'B' Property. One Two bed Room apartment Known as No. 2 in the Ground Floor of the Building. That is constructed at schedule 'A' Property measuring as 760 S.F.T Common Area 160 S.F.T. and Total 920 S.F.T.

Sharanappa .C (B.A.L.L.B), ADVOCATE
266/6 B, 4th Main PJ Extension,
Davangere-577002. Ph: 9845802855

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client, **Sri Bhimavarapu Suresh,** son of Venkatarao Bhimavarapu, aged about 47 years, residing at No. 1, Dwaraka Colony, Vittasandra Village, Begur Post, Electronic City 1st Phase, Bangalore-560068, has entered into a Joint Development Agreement dated 12/12/2024 concerning the property described in the Schedule Property below. This agreement has been executed with the following individuals:

1. **Smt. R. Aruna,** daughter of Raja Reddy, aged about 47 years, residing at Hennagara Village and Post, JiganiHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.
2. **Mr. Amith Reddy L.,** son of K. Lakshmipathy, aged about 27 years, residing at No. 97, R.M. Golden City, Tamaka, near Devaraj Urs Medical College, Kolar-563101.
3. **Mr. Sumith Reddy L.,** son of K. Lakshmipathy, aged about 25 years, residing at No. 97, R.M. Golden City, Tamaka, near Devaraj Urs Medical College, Kolar-563101.

Any person or entity asserting any right, title, claim, or interest in the said Schedule Property—whether arising by way of agreement of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment, or otherwise—is hereby required to submit such claims in writing, along with all supporting documents, to the undersigned within **seven (7) days** from the date of this notice.

Failure to do so will result in the Joint Development Agreement being executed without any reference to such claims, and any undisclosed claims shall be deemed waived and unenforceable.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing old Survey No. 10/2 and new Survey No. 10/4, measuring 19 Guntas, situated at Hennagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded as follows:

East : Land belonging to Raja Reddy
West : Land belonging to Late Rudre Gowda
North : Land belonging to R. Aruna of Survey No. 10/3
South : Halla and the remaining portion the same Survey No. 10/2

SATHISHA .T.K, Advocate
Off. Sri Rathna Nilaya, 1st Floor, Hebbagodi Main Road, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099.
Mob.9448078473, 9986377892

BEFORE THE 88th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BANGALORE
COM. O.S No: 1090/2022

BETWEEN: Smt. S. Vishalakshi, W/o R. Srinivas, aged about 60 years, R/at No.591, 23rd, 'A' Main Road, 2nd Sector, H.S.R. Layout, Bengaluru- 560102, Represented by her, General Power of Attorney Holder, **Sri. R. Srinivas**, aged about 71 years, S/o. Late H.N.Ramaiah Reddy, R/at No.591, 23rd, 'A' Main Road, 2nd Sector, H.S.R. Layout, Bengaluru- 560102 ...**PLAINTIFF**

AND: M/s. Infinity Solutions, Represented by its proprietor, Mrs. Jaspreet Sethi, W/o Jasmit Singh, aged about 48 years, R/at No: F-507, Wilson Manor Apartment, Wilson Garden, Bangalore- 560027 ... **DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1A) OF CPC

To, DEFENDANT. M/s. Infinity Solutions, Represented by its proprietor, Mrs. Jaspreet Sethi, W/o Jasmit Singh, aged about 48 years, R/at No: F-507, Wilson Manor Apartment, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560027 and also shop bearing No.83/1, 1st Floor, situated at 12th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru- 560027,

Take notice that the plaintiff has filed the suit against you to quit and deliver the vacant possession, also direct you to pay the arrears, damages towards the unauthorized use and occupation of suit schedule property and for other allied reliefs.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the commercial shop bearing No.83/1, 1st Floor, situated at 12th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027, measuring East to West 29 feet and North to South 16.8 feet in all measuring 488 Sq. feet bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property belonging to Smt.Rathnamma, **North by:** Property belonging to Smt. Bhaghyalakshmi, **South by:** Property belonging to Smt. Sathyavathi.

Wherefore, you are here by summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court in person or through Advocate or pleader on **15-01-2025** at **11:00 AM** to answer the question to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand I, seal of the Court on this 26-12-2024.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Commercial Court Unit, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATE JUDGE AT KANCHEEPURAM
L.A.O.P. No. 1 OF 2021

Thiru.Giridhar, Son of Ragunathan ...Claimant

Vs

The Special Tahsildar (LA) SIPCOT Irrungattukottai Expansion Scheme Unit 1 Sriperumbudure ...Referring officer

To, Thiru.Giridhar Son of Ragunathan No.3607, Nandhini Enclave, Nethravathi, Bengaluru - 560 085.

NOTICE

The said Referring officer has referred the above said L.A.O.P. No. 1 of 2021 to the said court under Land Acquisition Act 1894 for declaring the claimant and the above said case file has been numbered as L.A.O.P. No. 1 of 2021 and in that case you are the claimant. In this connection, so many remainders have been sent to you but so far you have not received the same till now. So, the above said court has posted the case **on 08.01.2025 at about

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) 79643 - Annual purchase of MCCB of various ratings.

Re – invited e-tenders

(2) 79439, (3) 79478.

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/DMM/98/2024 **GENERAL MANAGER**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru

No. MAG(2)/ENT/08/2024-25 Dated 23.12.2024

FORM C

(See Rules 25(1) and 117)

Notice by the Licensing Authority under the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) Rules 2014

Whereas **IRFAN RAZACK** S/o Late S Razack, Chairman and Managing Director, Prestige Garden Resorts Pvt Ltd, Prestige Falcon Towers, No. 19, Brunton Road, Bengaluru-25, Resident of Prestige Falcon Towers, No. 19, Brunton Road, Bengaluru-25, Karnataka, Have applied to me for grant of No Objection Certificate, for the location of a permanent Multiplex Cinema (6 Screens) Multiplex on the land belongs to IRFAN RAZACK, Situated at Sy. No. 79(P) (Khatha No. 7/85, (Block No. 5, 9 and 12) Extent 3-06 of SHETTIGERE VILLAGE, JALA HOBLI, YALAHANKA TALUK, BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT Panchayathi Khatha No. 170 Prestige Garden Resorts PVT Ltd Property PID 150200200900600444 of Doddajala Gram Panchayat, Yelahanka Taluk and measuring by a 4514. Sq M. and bounded as under: **EAST** : Private Property, **WEST**: National Highway Road, **NORTH**: Private Property, **SOUTH** : Road.

Notice is hereby given that any person having any objection to Grant of No Objection Certificate as aforesaid should lodge his objection in writing with under signed by the 10.01.2025 Any objection received beyond the date will not be taken into consideration.

Given under my hand this day 23rd Day of December 2024.

Sd/- JAGADEESHA G
Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate
Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru

23-12-2024

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH, BENGALURU NORTH

No.1234, 1st Floor, 4th Main, Opp: Chandra Layout Bus Stop, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-560040. Mobile: 90032 23669, Mail Id:arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, S C Road Branch, Bengaluru (now account transferred to ARB, Bengaluru North),** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower as under.

1. Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers: 1(a). M/s Murali Vet Pharma, Prop: Mr. Muralidhar L S/o Late Lakshminarayan, No.1, 1st Main, Muthsandra Village, Behind Govt. School, Bangalore-560087. **1(b). Mr. Muralidhar L** S/o Late Lakshminarayan, Site No.81, Property No.81/163/1, Muthsandra Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist., Bangalore-560087.

Demand notice dated : 03.02.2024 Possession Notice Date : 24.12.2024

Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.35,04,334.64 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Four and paise sixty four only) and interest thereon.

Description Of The Secured Assets: Mortgage of immovable property described herein below: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site no. 81, Property No. 163/1, situated at Muthsandra Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 50 Feet in all totally measuring 1500 Square feet and bounded by: East by: M.V. Manjunath's Property, West by: Latha Venugopal's Property, North by: M.A. Krishna Reddy's Property, South by: 20 feet Road.

Property in the name of Mr. Muralidhar L

2. Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers: 1(a). M/s Amara Manjula Interior, Prop: Mrs. Manjula A W/o Mr Ramaswamy, No.30, Olladapalya, Rudrappa Garden, Near Shivan Temple, Vannarpet, Viveknagar Bangalore-560047. **1(b). Mrs Manjula A** W/o Mr Ramaswamy, Prop No: 48/1, Katha No.18, BBMP Ward No.148, Ejipura ward, 4th Cross, Ejipura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore -560047.

Demand notice dated : 03.02.2024 Possession Notice Date : 24.12.2024

Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.35,34,476.03 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Six and Paise Three only) and interest thereon.

Description of the Secured Assets: Mortgage of immovable property described herein below: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 48/1, Katha No 18, situated at Ejipura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now within the limits of BBMP Ward no 148,, Ejipura Ward, Katha No 18, Site No 48/1, 4th cross, Ejipura, Bangalore-560047, Measuring East to West 24 Feet and North to South 38 feet in all totally measuring 912 Square feet and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: 6 feet passage, North by: R Somesh Property, South by: 24*23 Feet Temple Road.

Property in the name of Mrs. Manjula A

The above borrowers / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North** for an amount above mentioned and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 24.12.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

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ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ
(ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)
Government of Karnataka
BELAGAVI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
(Autonomous Medical Institution)
Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Road, Belagavi–590 001 E-Mail:belgaum.bims@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬಿಮ್ಸ್/ಸಿವ್ಹಿಲ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ/87/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ:24–12–2024

-:ITEM RATE TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT):-

The BELAGAVI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES invites short term item rate tenders from the eligible contractors registered in E-procurement Portal in Public Works Department under K W-1, 2 Standard tender documents for a total of 03 works. Maximum tender amount & minimum tender amount of Rs. 35.00 Lakhs & Rs.31.00 Lakhs and EMD Amount Rs. 88,000/- and 78,000/- respectively. Tender receipt Date is on 13-01-2025 upto 4.30 PM and Tender Opening Date is on 16-01-2025 after 04.45 PM and Tender Financial Bid Opening Date is 18-01-2025 after 11.00 PM. For more information contact the office of the undersigned and https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

SD/-Chief Administrative Officer
Belagavi Institute of medical Science Belagavi

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1368/KSMCA/2024-25

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

PCMM, RCF on behalf of the President of India invites On-line bids for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	14241204A 20/01/2025	Vinyl Film Colour Shade Cobalt Blue	59598 Sq.Ft.	4,09,150/-
		Vinyl Film Colour Shade Traffic Red	4458 Sq.ft	
		Vinyl Film Colour Shade Brilliant Green	4955 Sq.ft	
		Vinyl Film Colour Shade Signal Blue	11848 Sq.ft	
		Vinyl Film Colour Shade Bright Orange Red	21123 Sq.ft	
2.	12241290A 04/02/2025	1) PL No. 30630179 - Water Tank Assembly (L.H.) (455 Ltrs), as per Drawing: SE63131 ALT d, Packing Instruction: PI172 Ver 5.0.	194 Nos.	2,20,000/-
		2) PL No. 30637673-Water Tank Assembly (455 Ltrs) Two Piece R.H., as per Drawing: CC63260 ALT f, Packing instruction: PI172 Ver 5.0.	183 Nos.	
3.	12241528 27/01/2025	PL No. 33561850 - Fixed Window for LHB AC Chair Car, as per Drawing: LZ54107 ALT b and follow Design Office L.No. MD35131 Dated 26/12/2022.	419 Nos.	86,510/-
4.	12241470 21/01/2025	1) PL No. 33550300-Water Tank Assembly L.H. (390 Litres), as per Drawing: LG63106 ALT g,	1327 Nos.	16,42,140/-
		2) PL No. 33550311-Water Tank Assembly L.H. (390 Litres) Two Piece Design (Double Filling), as per Drawing: LR63122 ALT g,	196 Nos.	
		3) PL No. 33554663-Water Tank Assembly R.H. (390 Litres) as per Drawing: LG63105 ALT g,	1361 Nos.	
5.	12241489 21/01/2025	1) PL No. 33615639-Retention Tank (LH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005711 ALT a (Mirror of MI005710 ALT m) and MDTS 26001 Rev-04	2688 Nos.	20,00,000/-
		1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005710 ALT m and MDTS 26001 Rev-04	2483 Nos.	
6.	17241629 24/01/2025	Luggage Rack Mounting for LHB SLR Coach	91 Sets	1,81,790/-
7.	02241656 31/01/2025	Centralized Procurement of CPCB -IV Compliant 500 KVA	350 Set	50,00,000/-
8.	07241419B 22/01/2025	MIG Brazing Wire Dia 0.8 MM in Spool of Weight 12.5 Kg	4801 Kgs.	1,20,120/-
9.	01241412 30/01/2025	Set of Control Arms (Finished)	1243 Set	20,00,000/-
10.	01241413 27/01/2025	Roll Link	5340 Nos.	2,12,980/-
11.	01241414 29/01/2025	Traction Center	3465 Nos.	3,47,540/-
12.	01241415 24/01/2025	Set of Rubber Metal Bonded Items	1532 Set	20,00,000/-
13.	01241203A 27/01/2025	Rubber Spring Centering	9398 Nos.	97,590/-
14.	05241907 23/01/2025	Set of Partition Frame & Pillar for LWSLRD Amrit Bharat	69 Sets	8,43,330/-
15.	01241406 30/01/2025	Air Spring 160 KN for LHB Coaches	1262 Sets	50,00,000/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/ specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in.** 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 6 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 7 to 15 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM

CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against **(1)** Tender No. **13245237B** for Procurement of Fork Lifter Truck 16 Ton diesel operated-automatic as per specification No. Mech/M&P/ Umbrella/Project/438/9. Due date to be read as 10.01.2025 instead of 24.12.2024 **(2)** Tender No. **13245236B** for Procurement of High Speed TIG Welding Sets 400A due date to be read as 20.01.2025 instead of 27.12.2024. **(3)** Tender No. **17241101B** for procurement of Set of floor plate for LHB Power Car EOG Coaches due date to be read as 07.01.2025 instead of 27.12.2024. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

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R.O. No.: 105-S/2024-25 **Dated: 26.12.2024**

ESTD: 1907
THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OP. BANK LTD.,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: NO. 3, Pampamahakahvi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore -18.
Office: 26678572 : 26600512: 26609066. Tele Fax: (080) 26617980

(Rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.

The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance Outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
VIJAYANAGAR BRANCH			
01	Sri. Munichowdappa. M. S (Deceased) Legal Representatives:- 1) Smt. Jayamma (Wife), 2) Sri. Manjunatha. M (Son) 3) Kumar Swamy. M.(Son) & 4) Rajini (Daughter)	Demand Notice Dated : 08.10.2024 Possession Notice Dated: 23.12.2024 Balance outstanding: Rs. 10,15,563/- as on : 23.12.2024	Property & Measurement :- **New Municipal No. 119/1, Pipe Line West, Karithimmana Halli, Kasturi Ba Nagar, BBMP Ward No. 41 of Gali Anjaneya Temple, PID No. 41-4-119/1, Bangalore.** Measuring: **East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 40 feet** East by : **Eastern portion of the property of same number now others property,** West by : **Property No. 39,** North by :**Property No. 15,** South by :Road.
02	Smt. Mylavathi. S	Demand Notice Dated : 16.10.2024 Possession Notice Dated: 23.12.2024 Balance outstanding: Rs. 16,95,541/- as on : 23.12.2024	Property & Measurement :- **No.27/1, 1st Main Kuvempunagar, BBMP Ward No. 42 of Bapujinagar, PID No. 42-69-27/1, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 72 feet & North to South : 12 feet** East by : **Conservancy,** West by : **Property belongs to Smt. Shoba.** North by : **3 X 102 Common Passage, thereafter others property,** South by : **Property belongs to Sri. K.N. Narasimha Murthy**
R.T.NAGAR BRANCH			
03	Sri. Pinto Sagayaraj. T. (Deceased) Legal Representative's by, 1. Sharmila (Wife), 2. Abhishek. P (Son), 3. Preetha (Daughter)	Demand Notice Dated : 02.09.2024 Possession Notice Dated: 23.12.2024 Balance outstanding: Rs. 20,26,410/- as on : 23.12.2024	Property & Measurement :- **New No. 9/1, Eastern portion of site No. 370, 2nd Cross, Pillanna Garden, Sagayapuram, BBMP Ward No. 90 of Sagayapura, PID No. 90-11-9/1, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 12.5 feet & North to South : 30 feet** East by : **Site No. 371,** West by : **Remaining portion of same property belongs to Sangeetha,** North by : **Site No. 375,** South by : **Road.**
T. DASARAHALLI BRANCH			
04	Sri V. Veeran & V. Selva	Demand Notice Dated : 14.10.2024 Possession Notice Dated: 23.12.2024 Balance outstanding: Rs. 19,12,485/- as on : 23.12.2024	Property & Measurement :- **No. 01, Khatha No. 106, BBMP Khatha No. 106/1, Ramachandrapura Grama, Yelhanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 11 of Kuvempunagar, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West 30 feet & North to South : 20 feet,** East by : **Road,** West by: **Site belongs to Raju,** North by : **Remaining Property,** South by : **Remaining Property.**

Date: 26.12.2024 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client **Mrs Arathi Rao, D/o Late P.B.N. Rao** has a vested undivided right, title and interest over the residential property more fully described in the schedule herein below along with her three brothers Messrs Rathan Rao, Pavan Rao and Sanjay Rao.

From this Public notice it is hereby warned that the residential property described herein below cannot be subjected to transfer, sale, alienation, and mortgage by the afore-said three persons without the consent of my client Arathi Rao, who never relinquished or surrendered her 1/4th share in favour of anybody much less in favour of her 3 brothers referred to herein above.

So, any intending purchasers of the schedule property are hereby warned that they shall not venture into or enter into an agreement with the above-said three persons without the knowledge and consent of our client. Be it noted that they are doing so at their own risks as to all cost and consequences thereof and that they shall not acquire a valid title over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

A two storied residential building bearing No. 685, 11th A Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041.

Sampat Anand Shetty, Advocate,
SAMPAT & VATSALA LAW ASSOCIATES
Flat No. 502, 5th Floor, Hoyasala Apartments, Cunnigham Cresent Road, Bangalore - 560 001 Mob : 9341223365
Email : sampat1960@gmail.com

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(ଗ୍ରାମ୍ୟ / ପୋଷ୍ଟ- ଆମ୍ବାପୁଆ, ଆୟକର ଭବନ ନିକଟରେ, ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର - ୭୬୦୦୧୧, ଗଞ୍ଜାମ, ଓଡିଶା)
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(At/Po- Ambapua, Near Income Tax office, Berhampur-760011,Ganjam, Odisha, (E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel No. (☎)- 0680-2404287)
No. e-tender //4197// RWC// BAM // Dated.23.12.2024
OFFICE ORDER
Bid identification No. Online Tender/14-2024-25/PMGSY/BPR

0-1022: Due to unavoidable circumstances, the tender invited vide this office Bid Identification No. Online Tender/14-2024-25/PMGSY/BPR is hereby cancelled.

OIPR-25071/11/0030/2425 **Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, R.W..Circle, Berhampur**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
FIC Div. No.1, KBJNL, Awarad, Tq. Jewargi. Dist:Kalaburagi

No.KBJNL/FIC/Divn-1/PB/TND/2024-25/368 Date: 24.12.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-procurement only)

Tenders Through E-Prourement portal only on percentage tender basis under the Head of Account 4705 are invited from eligible contractors on behalf of the Administrator, Krishna-CADA, Bheemarayanagudi, by the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, FIC Division No-1, Awarad. The Details are as under:

1) No of works : **01 Nos- Ayacut Road Work**, 2) Amount Put to Tender: **Rs. 84,49,127.39** 3) EMD Amount: Rs.1,69,000.00, 4) Access to e-tender document : **From : 27.12.2024 to 04.01.2025 up to 5.00 PM,** 5) Last date of submission of completed e-tendering documents : **04-01.2025 up to 5.00 PM**, 6) Bid Opening @ office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, FIC Division No.1 Awarad.: **06.01.2025 at 11.00AM,** 7) Opening Financial Bid @ office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, FIC Division No.1 Awarad : **10-01-2025 at 11.00AM or after the approval of tech bids,** 8) Contact for further Details: Office of the Executive Engineer, FIC Div. No.1, KBJNL, Awarad, Tq. Jewargi, Dist:Kalaburgi, 9) Web site Address: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Note: Any change/revision regarding the tender will be published in website only

Sd/- Executive Engineer, FIC Div. No.1,
DIPR/Kalaburagi/776/KSMC&A/2024-25 **KBJNL, Awarad Tq. Jewargi, Dist:Kalaburgi**

HDFC BANK LIMITED
Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) issues E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A) under Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's **website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com**

Sl No	(A) Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	(B) Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	(C) Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	(D) Type of Possession	(E&F) Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	(G) Date of Auction and Time
`1	**Mr. Girish H M (Borrower)**	**Loan A/C NO. 630056427 Rs.41,27,815/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen Only) as on 31.07.2021**	**Schedule–A:** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing **Sy. No.42,** measuring 1 acre 04 guntas and land in **Sy.No.44,** measuring 3 acrees 36 guntas, totally measuring together 5 acres situated at Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded as follows: **East by:** Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.44, **West by:** Survey No.43, **North by:** Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.44 & Survey No.48 and **South by:** Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.42. **Schedule–B:** Residential Apartment described below in the Apartment complex known as **"GOLDEN PANORAMA"** together with common area, common facilities, common open space, common stair case, common water and sanitation, separate electricity, easement rights and appurtenances thereto. Unit No. 1061; Floor Sixth; Block/Tower One; Super Built up Area 1225 SFT; Capet Area as per RERA 821 SFT; Undivided Share of land in Schedule A property 517 SFT; Car Park No(s). 1. Bounded by : **East by :** Flat No. 1062, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Open Space, **South by :** Lift Lobby.	**Physical Possession**	**Rs.66,00,000/- [Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Only] ..... Rs.6,60,000/- [Rupees Six Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only]**	**03.02.2025 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM**
2	**Mr. Srikanth S (Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. (1) 613175221 Rs.34,28,081/- (2) 618672515 Rs.2,41,164/- Total Amount Rs.36,69,245/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Five Only) as on 30.11.2023**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Two Bedroom Apartment No. 303, in the Third Floor, having 1115 sq.ft. super built up area with a 250 sq.ft. UDS** (undivided share of right, share, title) in the building known as **'VIKYATH SPRING'** with one car parking space situated at S No Site No C-70 & 71,Old Kh No 94/46, BBMP Khata No 69-C-71/41,Alfa Garden Layout, Kodigehalli Village K R Puram, Bangalore.	**Physical Possession**	**Rs.42,00,000/- [Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Only] ..... Rs.4,20,000/- [Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only]**	**03.02.2025 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM**
3	**Mr. Prashanth Bellur (Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. (1) 659362673: Rs.34,98,904/- (2) 659362707: Rs.22,70,530/- (3) 659362769 : Rs.6,93,683/- (4) 662946016: Rs.1,50,096/- Total Amount: Rs.66,13,213/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Thirteen Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted immovable property vacant site bearing **Nos.28, 29, 57 and 58,** Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore has assigned as property bearing No.568/15/1, 28, 29, 57 and 58, amalgamated Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore Katha No.568/15/ 1, 28, 29, 57 and 58, property register No.568, formed in converted land bearing survey No.15/1, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose, vide official Memorandum No.ALN.SR.80/81-82, dated 08-12-1982, issued by the then Tahasildar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 120 feet and North to South 80 feet, in **all measuring 9600 square feet** and the same is bounded on the; **East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property bearing Nos.27 and 59, **South by:** Property bearing Nos.30 and 56. **Schedule B :** All that piece and parcel of the residential apartment/ flat bearing unit **No.TF-304,** situated in Third Floor, portion of the multi-storied residential apartment/ building known as **"AJANTHA NEST",** constructed in the schedule A property, having **super built up area of 1500 square feet and 343 square feet** of undivided share, consisting of three bed rooms flat, along with **one covered car parking area in the basement floor,** lift and all the common usage right over the common passage.	**Physical Possession**	**Rs.73,00,000/- [Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Only] ..... Rs.7,30,000/- [Rupees Seven Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only]**	**03.02.2025 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM**
4	**Mrs. Fatarpekar Medha (Borrower)** Wife of Mr. Fatarpekar Mahesh (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Fatarpekar Mahesh **And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Fatarpekar Mahesh (Borrower)** [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Fatarpekar Mahesh **Mrs. Fatarpekar Medha (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. 616979605 Rs.13,55,737/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Only) as on 28.02.2022**	**Schedule-A:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted Vacant Site bearing **No. 3591/80/2,** in Sy.No.80/2 (old Sy.No.80), situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, converted for residential purpose vide order bearing No. BDS/ALN/S.R(S) 62/2005-06, dated: 09-05-2002, having BBMP Khatha No.3591/80/2, measuring 0 Acre 13 Guntas equivalent to 14157 Sq. Ft., and bounded on: **East by** : Property in Sy. No.79/1, **West by** : Property in Sy. No.94/1, **North by** : Road and land belonging to Bharatmatha, **South by** : Remaining lands in Sy.No. 80/2 belonging to Sri. B. Srikantachari. **Schedule-B:** Undivided share of land equivalent to **571 Sq. Ft.** in the Schedule 'A' property along with right, title, and interest in the same to be enjoyed with the other purchasers. **Schedule-C:** Apartment bearing **No. F-105**, situated at First Floor, having a super built up area of **1178 Sq. Ft.,** in the building known as **"PRESIDENT OPULENCE"** constructed on the Schedule 'A' property consisting of a Living room-Cum-Dinning with sit out, Two bed rooms (one with attached toilet and sit out), one common toilet, kitchen with open utility, having vitrified tiles flooring, with hard wood frames with flush shutters and powder coated aluminum window panels with mosquito mesh, with **one covered car parking area** at the parking floor, including proportionate share in common area, passages, lobbies, amenities, staircase, lifts, roof area etc. with all rights, privileges, appurtenances, easement rights and right to use common areas.	**Physical Possession**	**Rs.38,50,000/- [Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only] ..... Rs.3,85,000/- [Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Only]**	**03.02.2025 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM**
5	**Mr. Nayak Debraj, (Borrower) Smt. Nayak Surabhi (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No: (1) 666210567 Rs.24,31,431/- (2) 670159835 Rs. 65,924/- (3) 673555006 Rs.11,58,977/- (4) 679606692 Rs. 6,57,079/- Total Amount Rs. 43,13,411/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Eleven Only) as on 30.11.2023**	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Sy.No. 19/1,** measuring: **0-08¾ Guntas Out of 0-30 Guntas** of Land Situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. And bounded as follows: **East by :** Property belongs to yellamma's Share, **West by :** Property belongs to Nagarathanamma's Share, **North by :** Land belongs to Chinnaswamy, **South by :** Property belongs to Vasundara Layout. **Schedule B : 523 Sq.feet,** of right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in the Schedule "A" property. **Schedule C :** All that piece' and parcel of **residential Apartment Flat No.024, Ground Floor,** of the Building called **"V-MAKS CHALET"** Apartment, having **Super Built up area of 1162 Sq. Feet,** together with **Covered Car Parking area. With 523 S.q.Feet** of Undivided share, **Khatha Serial No.6637, Nagara Sabha Katha No.8/6, 18/6, 19/1, GF/024,** duly converted for Non-Agricultural Residential purposes, in Converted Sy.No.19/1, Situated at Ward No.27, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. Fittings : 2 Wardrobes, Kitchen Cabinet, 3 Fans, 1 Geyser.	**Physical Possession**	**Rs.40,00,000/- [Rupees Forty Lakhs Only] ..... Rs.4,00,000/- [Rupees Four Lakhs Only]**	**03.02.2025 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM**

1. **Inspection Date & Time: 10.01.2025 and 17.01.2025 between 11.AM TO 4.PM.**
2. **Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 35,000/-**
3. **EMD Amount Submission on or before : 01.02.2025 (Before 5.00 PM)**

***with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.**

For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date: 27.12.2025 **For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

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"Survival of a complex structure is dependent upon the strength of elements and the help of a linkage. No majority has the right to inflict its views on the minority or even sound supercilious

TN Seshan

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

PROTECT CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SCRUTINISE ALL POLL MATERIALS

THE Centre recently tweaked an election rule, and the Election Commission of India saw nothing wrong with it. An angered opposition attacked both for curtailing transparency in the election process. The reference is to the Centre amending one of the Conduct of Election Rules of 1961 following a recommendation from the ECI—in effect, denying citizens access to video and CCTV footage of the election process. The commission argued that contestants can still access the visuals; but the issue is about denying the voter. The commission also insisted that easy access could compromise voter secrecy; but nobody records how the voter votes. Set aside these two contentions, and one question would remain: whether the amendment was in reaction to the Punjab and Haryana High Court directing the ECI to provide election process materials, including visuals, to a petitioner—a citizen, not a contestant—seeking them. There is no clarity on this yet.

Technically, the amendment does not close all doors to citizens. They can always approach the courts to access the restricted materials. However, the move falls short of the constitutional spirit by limiting the scope for public oversight. The move may also discourage people from scrutinising the ECI's actions. The Congress said it would challenge the rule change because "transparency and openness are key factors" in ensuring free and fair elections—the spirit in which the high court gave its order.

Pressures the ECI faces in conducting India's massive electoral exercises are well known and its efforts are appreciated. However, like Caesar's wife, it must be above suspicion. Political parties repeatedly question its independence and often suspect it of colluding with the dispensation ruling at the Centre. The ECI cannot protect its credibility without erasing even the remotest appearance of a connection with the executive. For it to be independent of all interferences, it must derive unequivocal powers from the Constitution, including on the appointment and tenure of the commissioners. Currently, it derives some strength from judicial pronouncements. Constitutional jurisprudence must also rescue citizens. Their right to vote is not a fundamental right; but once they enter the booth and vote, their freedom of expression, a basic right, arises. Protecting this freedom means having a constitutional right to clarify doubts about the process by scrutinising any material, including footages.

TELANGANA LAND RECORD LAW CLEARS UP OLD MESS

THE winter session of the Telangana legislature that closed last weekend will be long remembered for adopting the Telangana Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights in Land) Bill 2024 replacing the Telangana Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act 2020. A similar law is being tried in several other states, but the one in Telangana promises to bring relief to lakhs of farmers and agricultural land holders who had been running from pillar to post following the enactment of the 2020 law, under which the Dharani portal came into being and led to chaos in land records.

The purpose of Dharani, the brainchild of the previous BRS government, was the same—to address land disputes and digitise the records. However, it was riddled with flaws, including the lack of a redress mechanism that could catch up with the spate of complaints pouring in. With land rates shooting up, more unscrupulous people usurped the lands of genuine owners, forcing many to either lose their land or move the courts. The Congress government brought in the new legislation to untangle this web and improve transparency. We welcome this bill as it incorporates several measures to give hope to those affected by the Dharani portal. The new system will bring in district appellate tribunals, Bhudar cards and proper surveys. It will also require revenue officials at village level to maintain manual records and allow space for protection of government lands. The power to address grievances has been given back to tahsildars, revenue divisional officers and collectors, so that people need not have to wait for long. Interestingly, the bill also seeks to rope in volunteers to give legal advice to the poor for free. It also makes succession in landholding much simpler.

The government must be appreciated for placing the draft bill in the public domain for suggestions and incorporating the opposition's recommendations. Now, as the saying goes, the proof of the pudding will be in the eating. The law needs to ensure that past mistakes are not repeated and lower-rung officials do not play spoilsport in a well-laid framework. After all, land triggers deep emotions in people, especially farmers. Erring officials must be strictly punished and those already proven to have been involved in Dharani's irregularities must face the stern face of the law.

QUICK TAKE

IMBIBING VALLEY VALUES

COME 2025, the national capital will be set to be connected with Kashmir through trains that will traverse the distance in about 13 hours. Details that have emerged recently include sleeper coaches fitted with heating options and more rigorous security checks for passengers. Cheaper and faster travel to the Valley will transform tourism in a state trying to leave behind its troubled history. But as the opening of the Atal tunnel under Rohtang pass showed, such a surge can be devastating for the fragile ecology of the Himalayas. It will be helpful if the in-train announcement system is used to inculcate the value of responsible tourism among the onrushing tourists.

Given our fractured polity and institutional atrophy, this isn't a moment to celebrate the Constitution. Instead, we should ponder about the future of our democracy and constitutional culture

WHEN THE UNION IS NOT A SUM OF THE PARTS

KAPIL SIBAL

Member of the Rajya Sabha, former Union cabinet minister and senior advocate

MANDAR PARDIKAR

VIKSIT Bharat is a pipe dream of the pied piper. The question that we have to ask ourselves today is 'whither Bharat'.

We have much to ponder over. The absence of dialogue between the treasury benches and the opposition, unruly scenes within and outside parliament, jostling for vote-bank politics by seeking to appropriate the legacy of Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar, feeding the environment of hate, and spouting historical inaccuracies to make unsubstantiated allegations. The toxic environment within parliament has reached a situation in which the chairman of the Rajya Sabha is sought to be removed through a no-confidence motion.

All of these are symptomatic of the decline of an institution that saw stalwarts like Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Abul Kalam Azad, Atal Bihari Vajpaye and several others who contributed to civilised discourse within parliament.

The reasons for this institutional atrophy are not far to seek. We have a prime minister who, when abroad, extols the virtues of India's diversity; but while at home, allows a political agenda seeking to foist a majoritarian culture that vilifies minorities. The accompanying public discourse is also echoed within parliament.

The motive is not far to seek. The vitriol is intended to be an emotive appeal to create a narrative that pitches 'us' against 'them' in a bid to consolidate Hindu votes. The course of electoral politics today is centred on minorities, who are as much citizens of India as anybody else. Their cultural habits—including what they consume and what they practice under their personal laws—are all matters of public discourse, as if other religions are bereft of any evil. Minority-bashing *qua* a particular community has become part not just of a social agenda, but integral to the government's political agenda.

It is in this context that we hear about the country being in dire need of not just a uniform civil code, but of reforming practices of the community that are perceived to be discriminatory, especially *qua* women. After the Supreme Court frowned upon and ruled against the practice of triple talaq, laws were enacted to make it a criminal offence, visiting the husband with other consequences, including those related to the custody of children. Such laws have been challenged and are pending adjudication in court.

If such a practice was rampant among Muslims, prosecutions launched would be in the public domain. Such agendas have a twofold motivation. One that fuels the majoritarian agenda, and two, that the real issues that concern 1.4 billion people are relegated to the backburner. Otherwise, why should our nation be obsessed with inter-faith marriages only if a Muslim boy marries a Hindu girl?

Personal choices of this nature, protected under our Constitution, are given a communal colour, becoming matters of public discourse. The law requires public objections to be invited in the event of such marriages, abhorrent to all that our republic stands for. I wonder why laws are not enacted to prohibit khap panchayats, whose orders and decisions have no legal sanction. Perhaps, such a step may be politically unwise for the BJP.

Every other day, there is a court proceeding with reference to religious structures that are alleged to have been built by demolishing temples in the past. We also see lumpen elements openly committing acts of violence that are not even investigated. We see individuals belonging to a particular minority community being constantly threatened even during their train journeys; being forced to cancel their sale deeds because the majority community feels that their presence may jeopardise their own security. Even a judge of the Allahabad High Court, at a function organised by the VHP, was brazen enough to extol the virtues of majoritarianism and made unacceptable comments on minorities.

Unsavoury comments are made about the fear of India becoming a Muslim majority nation. Mohan Bhagwat's statement that we should have three children—when we happen to be the most populous country in the world—suggests that in times to come, the minority will become the majority. We have heard, in the course of election campaigns, dialogues about '*qabristan*' and '*shamshaan ghat*' to polarise and exploit public sentiment. Yet, our prime minister calls us the 'mother of democracy'.

All these are matters of great concern.

Ambedkar once said, "Independence is no doubt a matter of joy. But let us not forget that this independence has thrown on us great responsibilities. By independence, we have lost the excuse of blaming the British for anything going wrong. If hereafter things go wrong, we will have nobody to blame except ourselves. There is a great danger of things going wrong."

The sequence of events unfolding one after another is an indication of things going terribly wrong in this country. Before democracy can be a thriving force in this country, we need a social revolution to end the blatant discriminatory nature of our caste system. In the absence of such a social revolution, democracy will be in jeopardy. We seem to be flourishing in an environment where the caste and creed have become central to the politics of this country.

These are not times to celebrate 75 years of our Constitution. These are times to ponder and to worry about where this nation is going; how the very foundation of our constitutional culture is being slowly eroded and the nature of our democracy being transformed. We live in fear, worried about government agencies reaching our doorstep to target us, if we protest, with false cases to destroy the gift of freedom that was given to us by the people on November 26, 1950.

This is worse than the Emergency. This nation is being made subservient to the wishes of a chosen few—economic oligarchs who have aggrandised wealth and a political establishment that has 'bulldozed' the opposition, publicly stating that they will rule this country for the next 30 years. That too is a pied piper's dream.

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FOR BALANCE IN REGULATING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CHILDREN

ANAND PRADHAN

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AUSTRALIA'S recent bipartisan legislation banning social media for children under 16 has fuelled a global debate about the psychological impact of online platforms on children's well-being. It is not surprising that the ban has been widely welcomed, as its intention is to shield children from the harmful effects of social media by reducing their exposure to cyberbullying, unrealistic standards and harmful content.

The Australian law may be a global first, but it is not an exception. Take Norway, which is planning to enforce a minimum age limit of 15 for social media use, while France has initiated mobile phone bans in schools on a trial basis.

A 2021 report by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights highlights that approximately 30 percent of children aged 8-18 own smartphones, and 62 percent access the internet via their parents' phones. About 43 percent have active social media accounts. Research from India shows both the digital divide and disparities in access to digital devices, while also revealing a concerning link between excessive social media use and increasing levels of stress, anxiety, and depression.

Numerous studies, including by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, have identified tech addiction—particularly involving smartphones, online gaming, and social media—as a significant public health issue. Many adolescents exhibit compulsive behaviour, such as late-night scrolling, which disrupts sleep patterns and adversely affects their mental and physical well-being.

Clearly, social media's impact on mental health is central to this debate. American social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, in his book *The Anxious Generation*, identifies a strong correlation between increased screen time and the rise in anxiety, depression, and self-harm among adolescents. Social media platforms, he argues, heighten social comparisons and expose young users to idealised personas, leading to self-esteem issues, particularly for teenage girls.

While the Australian move shows growing concerns over mental health, healthy physical development, digital and privacy rights of children and regulatory challenges, it also raises questions about whether an outright ban is the most effective approach. Its effectiveness depends heavily on enforcement mechanisms. Children often bypass age restrictions by falsifying birth dates. Implementing a strong age-verification system raises concerns about privacy.

More importantly, it may undermine children's digital rights and learning opportunities. It is important to remember that children have rights, just like adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child explicitly recognises these rights, which include the right to express opinions, particularly on decisions that affect them; access to information, especially from the state and media; the ability to share their own ideas and information with others.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

While Australia's social media ban for adolescents reflects growing global concerns over children's safety, it raises questions about whether an outright ban is the best approach. Psychologist Jonathan Haidt suggests a 'whole child' approach balancing regulated digital engagement with offline activities

Surely, it risks excluding children from the benefits of digital literacy and online collaboration. There are certain benefits of social media platforms when used responsibly. They enable self-expression, promote social connections, and provide access to educational resources. Restricting access completely may limit these opportunities, depriving children of essential skills in an increasingly connected world.

Haidt suggests a 'whole child' approach, balancing regulated digital engagement with offline social and physical activities, and equipping children with critical thinking to navigate online spaces. Nations like France offer valuable insights. Its ban on mobiles in schools has improved student focus, increased physical activity, and encouraged interpersonal interactions.

Finland's digital citizenship curriculum equips children with the skills to navigate online spaces safely. This fosters digital resilience while promoting media literacy, serving as a model for other nations. But beyond government policies, parental guidance and educational interventions play a crucial role.

Parents must engage in open discussions, set boundaries, and encourage children to manage their digital identities thoughtfully. Schools, in collaboration with policymakers, can integrate media literacy programmes to help children critically assess online content and develop healthy habits.

Technology companies too cannot escape their responsibility. Platforms must create "safe mode" options for younger users, featuring curated content, restricted interactions, and mental health resources. Policymakers must actively explore alternative options like frameworks for allowing supervised, limited access to social media. 'Time windows' for digital engagement, coupled with content moderation and age-appropriate features, could protect children without isolating them from the digital world. Governments should collaborate with tech companies to design more child-centric digital spaces.

The debate over regulating social media for children underscores the need for nuanced, collaborative solutions. This may be time-consuming, arduous, and appear overly idealistic, but shortcuts like outright bans have never resolved complex social issues. As this concerns children, we must resist the temptation of quick-fixes.

Rather than isolating children from the digital landscape, efforts should focus on empowering them to use technology responsibly. Ultimately, the goal should be to promote a healthier relationship between children and the digital world—one that promotes learning, creativity, and well-being while safeguarding mental health and personal development.

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Disaster management

Ref: *Put to better use lessons learnt from the 2004 tsunami* (Dec 26). Tamil Nadu is a state that faces a disaster almost every year. Owing to this, the state is always prepared for disaster management. The rescue operations are fast and effective. However, more importance should be given to the mental health of survivors.

Aadya Tyagi, Bengaluru

Cardiac scans

Ref: *Cardiac checks must to tackle disease epidemic* (Dec 26). Energetic young people and sportspeople are dropping dead due to cardiac failures at gyms or workplaces. Elderly people are leading a healthy life with regular checkups, moderate exercises and balanced nutritious diet with timely medication. There is no definite age for getting heart diseases. It is high time cardiac scanning of young people in schools, colleges and universities is given priority.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Regular checkups

Heart ailments are on the rise, especially among the youth in India. Every individual past 40 must undergo ECG tests on a regular basis. Aside from avoiding alcohol, smoking and junk foods, a minimum 30 minutes of walking is practicable by all.

G Nataraja Perumal, Elathur

Improve vigilance

Ref: *2 decades on: strides in warning systems* (Dec 26). While numerous countries are taking on the responsibility of developing tsunami warning systems, there is an urgent need for a motivated effort to constantly improve the system in light of increasing risks from natural disasters. Collaboration with emergency services and securing adequate funding are vital.

NR Jagannath, Bengaluru

Creative genius

Ref: *M T Vasudevan Nair, doyen of Malayalam literature, dies* (Dec 26). The tribute to the legendary M T Vadudevan Nair was touching. He was a genius writer who enthralled the filmgoers of Kerala. His creativity is unmatchable.

V O Harindranathan, Chennai

Campus shocker

The unpardonable act of a student's rape on Anna University's Guindy campus by a stranger is highly shocking, intolerable and bereft of ethical conduct. The entire society is at its wit's end as to why law and order is not effectively enforced to end this trend. The culprits should be stringently punished without mercy for such violent transgression.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

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Pratibha Patil, Former President

I have lost a very learned colleague with whom I had worked very closely during my Presidential term and relied on a great deal for his vast knowledge, experience and wisdom.

P Chidambaram, Congress leader

The story of India turned after Dr Singh became Finance Minister. And the present middle class of India was virtually the creation of his policies as Finance Minister and Prime Minister.

Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress chief

I mourn the loss of a lifelong senior colleague, a gentle intellectual and a humble soul who embodied the aspirations of India

> I honestly believe history will be kinder to me than the contemporary media or for that matter, the Opposition parties in Parliament ... I think taking into account the circumstances and the compulsions of a coalition polity, I have done as best as I could do under the circumstances

MANMOHAN SINGH
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'His life story is about how, in the desert of political cynicism, there can be a flowing oasis. That it is possible to uphold the highest principles and still succeed in public life'

Indo-US nuclear deal to stay his crowning glory

India's epochal civil nuclear agreement with the US in 2008 will remain a crowning glory for Manmohan Singh in the foreign policy domain. It ended India's nuclear apartheid and created a favourable geopolitical configuration. Singh was so convinced about its futuristic outcomes that he pushed it strongly though the survival of his government was at stake during a no-confidence vote in Parliament.

Asked JNU V-C to be soft on student agitators

The former prime minister was shown black flags at Jawaharlal Nehru University by Left-backed students staging a protest during his visit to the campus in 2005. The incident led to show-cause notices to students by the university with few of them getting detained by the Delhi Police. However, a day later, Singh intervened, suggesting to the then V-C BB Bhattacharya to be lenient with the students.

The scholar-politician who achieved a lot. And silently

VVP SHARMA @ New Delhi

INDIA will always see Manmohan Singh as the architect of its economic reforms. The Congress party he belonged to should acknowledge his contribution in kinder terms.

The economist entered the political stage as PV Narasimha Rao's finance minister and began to break the licence raj shackles of an emaciated economy. He deregulated it. He did away with the licence raj. He revolutionalised the taxation policy. He re-defined India's FDI and trade outlook.

Singh achieved this when the economic situation was in the doldrums, and India faced the ignominy of pledging its gold to raise money. The country's Balance of Payments and the fiscal deficit had gone south. There was a bare minimum of forex reserves. India had no option but to spread its hands before IMF.

As Prime Minister for two successive terms, he continued liberalising the economy, overcoming intense pressure from various corners, domestic and foreign and, worst of all, from within his party.

He completed his innings as a parliamentarian in early 2024, perhaps satisfied that he would hold the record of having been the Grand Old Party's last PM for a long time to come.

Steering this big nation, its twisted federal structure, and a chequered polity divided ideologically, linguistically, and regionally was never easy for him. The gentle soul who never raised his voice because he could not raise it beyond civil decibels remained a man of contradictions.

He was reluctant to be drawn into national service. He would be called the reluctant prime minister. But the studious professor must have learnt the tricks of politics and realpolitik from the accidental prime minister—his predecessor.

Coincidentally, their personalities and characters complemented each other. They were 'outsiders' in the Congress family command's scheme of things. Whatever the reason that propelled them to the PM's chair, they did justice to it, at least from their perspectives.

Both survived shabby treatment by their party's high command. Rao's fate was by far the worst, declared a pariah even in death. Singh's was more a public humiliation in Parliament when the high command's scion humiliated him, the PM, by tearing the copy of a proposed bill.

He was called Sonia Gandhi's rubber stamp. Tales were exchanged about how he informed her of cabinet decisions. The party set-up behaved formally with him, tolerating him as a PM, never a political leader.

Yet, the scholar-politician-statesman achieved a lot. Silently.

5-DECADE CAREER IN BUREAUCRACY AND POLITICS

- **1954**: Master's in Economics from Panjab University
- **1957**: Economic Tripos from Cambridge Univ
- **1962**: DPhil in Economics from Oxford Univ
- **1971**: Economic Advisor in commerce ministry
- **1972**: Chief Economic Advisor in finance ministry
- **1980-82**: Member, Planning Commission
- **1982-1985**: RBI Governor
- **1985-87**: Planning Commission Deputy Chairman
- **1987-90**: Secretary General of South Commission in Geneva
- **1990**: Advisor to Prime Minister on Economic Affairs
- **March 1991**: Chairman of UGC
- **1991**: Rajya Sabha MP from Assam, and re-elected in 1995, 2001, 2007 & 2013
- **1991-96**: Finance Minister in P V Narasimha Rao govt
- **1998-2004**: LoP in Rajya Sabha
- **2004-2014**: PM

Gentle soul loses battle with life, nation joins in mourning, grief

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

"INDIA mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished leaders, Dr Manmohan Singh Ji," Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on X on Thursday. "Rising from humble origins, he rose to become a respected economist. He served in various government positions as well, including as finance minister, leaving a strong imprint on our economic policy over the years. His interventions in Parliament were insightful. As our prime minister, he made extensive efforts to improve people's lives."

Extending condolences to the former prime minister's wife and family, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi wrote on X that he lost a mentor and guide. "Manmohan Singh Ji led India with immense wisdom and integrity. His humility and deep understanding of economics inspired the nation," said Gandhi.

Known as the architect of economic reforms in the country, the economist-turned-politician served as the prime minister of India from 2004 to 2014. He was the third longest serving prime minister after Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi, until Narendra Modi broke his record earlier this year.

Condoling his death, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge described Singh as a visionary statesman and an economist of unparalleled stature, whose enduring legacy of ushering in India's growth, welfare and policies of inclusivity, will forever be cherished. "Undoubtedly, history shall judge you kindly, Dr Manmohan Singh ji," he posted on X.

One of the first prime ministers of the country from a minority community, Singh is also credited with shaping India's foreign policy and steering the talks for a civilian nuclear deal with the US amid stiff opposition from the Left parties.

As the Finance Minister in the PV Narasimha Rao-led Congress government in 1991, Singh played a pivotal role in ushering in economic reforms in the 1990s when the country was facing an economic crisis. "No power on earth can stop an idea whose time has come," Singh famously said.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, denoting Singh's honesty, said that few people in politics inspire the kind of respect that Sardar Manmohan Singh did.

"His honesty will always be an inspiration for us and he will forever stand tall among those who truly love this country, as someone who remained steadfast in his commitment to serve the nation despite being subjected to unfair and deeply personal attacks by his opponents. He was genuinely egalitarian, wise, strong-willed and courageous until the end," Priyanka wrote.

'Gentleman with impeccable integrity, openness & humane approach'

KM CHANDRASEKHAR
Former Cabinet Secretary

DR Manmohan Singh was a man with impeccable integrity. A true gentleman. As Cabinet Secretary, I worked with him closely. The first thing he told me was to inform him about the wrongdoings that came to my notice, even if the 'perpetrator' was from his family. Openness, humane approach, consideration for others and the willingness to accept good suggestions made him a class apart.

The weekly meetings between the PM and the Cabinet Secretary always started with the PM asking "How's the economy doing?" or "What's the state of the nation?" Everytime carried brief notes for these questions.

Besides me, he would talk to four-five experts before taking major decisions. At meetings, he would listen to all and was ready to accept good ideas.

His openness helped in resolving the issues related to the Sethusamudram project. During the Satyam issue, I felt bad when some ministers made public remarks. I suggested to the PM to restrict them as the Ministry of Corporate Affairs was the authority to make a statement on it. He immediately accepted it.

He laid much trust on me. During discussions or arguments at the Cabinet meeting, I would hand him a brief note on my view. If he felt them good he would act upon them. He put me in charge of the Commonwealth Games when it faced a crisis. And we could conduct the games successfully.

Once I was admitted to AIIMS for chest pain, the PM rang me up immediately. "What happened? Are you alright? Ring me when you are cured," was his words. He always had consideration for others.

Dr Singh's wife, too, had many of his qualities like gentleness.

The UPA-II years were marred by policy paralysis and scams. During one of his interviews towards the end of his second term as the PM, Singh said, "History will be kinder to me than the media."

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> Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

RIVER LINK

The Madhya Pradesh government on Thursday gave approval to a group of 16 works that had been left out of the Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal (PKC) river linking project with an estimated cost of ₹28,798 crore.

8 WANTED CRIMINALS HELD IN SEPARATE ENCOUNTERS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	18	Mumbai	28	28
Bhopal	25	14	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	22	15	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	20	07	Lucknow	36	22
Chennai	28	25	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	26	17	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	07	-02	Chandigarh	35	19

Shinde makes courtesy call on PM

Maharashtra Deputy CM 'demands equal share of pie' in current power structure in state

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

AFTER denial of the home ministry and due space in cabinet expansions, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde arrived in Delhi on Thursday and met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Amit Shah in Delhi. Sources close to Shinde said that rather than giving due respect and share in power, his party, which has 61 MLAs, has been squeezed.

Sources in the know said requesting anonymity: "First, BJP denied Eknath Shinde the top post. Later, it refused to concede the home ministry, and now, Shiv Sena is struggling to get the guardian ministry of Thane, Sambhaji Nagar, Nasik, and Kolhapur districts. Therefore, Eknath Shinde's meeting with top leaders of the BJP is very important and crucial. He has an excellent rapport developed in his previous 2.5 years in government. He may have aired and shared the current political situations with the BJP leaders for solutions."

They said the BJP was the single largest party with 132 seats in the state, but the alliance partners were equally responsible for the stability of the government. "We got the massive mandate that has to be respected; otherwise, it will go to waste."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde during a meeting in New Delhi on Thursday | PTI

However, Shinde termed the meetings courtesy calls after the NDA alliance registered a landslide victory in the Maharashtra state assembly polls.

He issued a sanitised statement to the media: "When I was chief minister of Maharashtra in the last 2.5 years, we showed how public-related work should be done. The way the people of Maharashtra voted us back into power shows they reposed faith in us. The central government is with us. The new innings under the leadership of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has started. Maharashtra has huge potential and capacity to develop."

In a bid to obliquely explain the situation in the state, the sources referred to the Beed Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh murder case and said the accused and mastermind, Walmik Karad, was yet to be arrested. "There is anger among the Maratha community for this reason. If justice is not meted out to the deceased Santosh Deshmukh and his family, then it will send the wrong message." Besides, "welfare schemes like Ladli Bahin should continue, and promises of increasing the amount from ₹1,500 to ₹2,100 per month should be honoured", they said, adding: "It will send a positive message to those women who massively voted for Mahayuti."

Clamour grows for NCP minister to quit over Beed

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

AMID demand for NCP minister Dhananjay Munde's resignation over his close aide Wamlik Karad's alleged connection in murder of sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh's murder in Maharashtra's Beed, he met CM Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday.

Munde said he clarified to the CM that Karad is his aide but the law is equal for everyone. "If Karad is involved in the murder of Santosh Deshmukh, action should be taken against him. I am not here to protect anyone. The chargesheet should be filed soon and the case should be tried on a fast track court. The culprit case should be hanged for such shameful acts," Munde said.

BJP MLA Suresh Dhas said Karad is yet to be arrested. "Once Karad is arrested, skeletons will tumble out of the cupboard and many big names will be in trouble," Dhas said.

Maratha quota leader Manoj Jarange Patil said, "Santosh is Maratha, therefore the BJP-led government is not taking actions against the culprit."

After Guv stint in Odisha, Raghubar says BJP will decide his role in party

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

FORMER Odisha Governor **Raghubar Das** on Thursday said the BJP leadership will decide his new role in the party.

After resigning as the Odisha Governor, Das hinted at returning to active politics. He is likely to take BJP membership in Ranchi on Friday. According to BJP sources, he is likely to be made Jharkhand BJP president after January 15.

"Now, the party will decide my role. Whatever responsibilities I get, I will fulfil them responsibly. In independent India, the governor is not a 'Laat Saab,' he is also a representative of the people. It is his responsibility to solve the problems of the people," Das said after returning to Ranchi.

According to Das, he remained connected to the people of Odisha during his tenure as the Governor. "I have no aspirations and will keep on serving the people as a worker of BJP," he said. He started his political career from Jamshedpur and was the first CM of Jharkhand who completed five years' tenure from 2014 to 2019. Das also has the credit of being the first non-tribal CM of Jharkhand. In the 2019 Assembly polls Das lost to rebel MLA Saryu Roy.

The BJP's decision to appoint Das as Odisha's governor was seen as a move to grant Babulal Marandi greater influence in Jharkhand. Marandi, who merged his JVM with the BJP in 2020, was unable to wrest control from the JMM-led coalition in 2024 elections.

After the BJP's below par performance in the assembly polls, there is growing pressure within the party to focus on consolidating support from Jharkhand's 74% non-tribal population. The tribal population largely supported the JMM-led coalition. It was being expected that Das will return to active politics after resigning as Odisha Governor.

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Raghubar Das, former Odisha Governor

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It's NC versus NC on reservation policy

The differences have surfaced within the ruling National Conference after the party MP and firebrand leader Aga Ruhullah staged a protest against the existing reservation policy outside CM Omar Abdullah's residence in Srinagar on Tuesday. The NC MP was joined by hundreds of students and political opponents including PDP's Iltija Mufti and Waheed Para and AIP MLA Sheikh Khursheed. The NC MP demanded rationalisation of the reservation policy, which is now in disadvantage for the Open Merit (OM) category as only 30 percent reservation is for OM category despite having nearly 70 per cent population.

Intelligent traffic management system

In a move towards modernising urban management, the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) has been introduced in Srinagar to capture traffic violations by hi-tech cameras at city intersections. The system has been launched with an aim of enhancing city governance through data-driven decision-making in daily operations and crisis response. The ITMS is a cutting-edge solution for improving traffic regulation and enforcement. Cameras have been deployed at 66 key junctions in the city and these are being monitored from the Integrated Command & Control Centre located in Srinagar outskirts.

'LoP writes to CM about not getting facilities'

The Cyber Police Kashmir has warned social media influencers to refrain from promoting betting apps and fraudulent investments schemes. There have been many instances wherein people were duped for investing in fraudulent schemes and betting apps being promoted by the social media influencers. Such actions not only mislead the public but are also punishable under the law, a Cyber police official said. He said Cyber Police is closely monitoring these activities. The official warned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone found advertising or endorsing such fraudulent platforms.

BTC chief steps in to douse fire in Manipur

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

ASSAM'S Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) chief Pramod Boro on Thursday made an appeal to Manipur's warring Meitei and Kuki communities to bury the hatchet and make a new beginning this New Year.

Talking about ethnic conflicts in Bodoland, the former student leader-turned-politician said usually two generations get impacted by such conflicts. "A conflict like the one in Manipur will impact two generations. Bodoland witnessed two ethnic conflicts, in 1996 and 2012. They are impacting our lives even today," Boro said appealing to all those indulging in violence to review their agenda and realise the impact on people.

An ethnic conflict between Bodos and Adivasis (Santhals) in 1996 had left over 200 people dead and two lakh displaced. Over 100 people were killed and four lakh others displaced in the 2012 conflict between Bodos and Bengali Muslims.

Boro said the Meiteis and the Kukis would have to decide their future agenda. "I request both conflicting groups to try to understand what they are going to achieve through this conflict and violence," he said.

'Women, who had lost their husbands and kids, were branded bad omen'

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"MANY women, especially from the fishing community, also suffered naked syndrome," the PSW expert said. "As a practice, fisher women go to receive their menfolk, who go to sea in trawlers. That morning, many women had gone to receive their men and ran for their lives on seeing huge walls of tides in the ocean. As they ran their saris got entangled in the bushes and other obstacles, and came out. They suffered naked syndrome when they were taken to relief centres. We had to counsel them," Sekar said.

He narrated a poignant incident of some children in Nicobar, who caught hold of the sari of their teacher, who they saw being washed away in the sea. "They preserved the sari in a suitcase and at midnight, they would gather around it at the relief centre, open it to feel their teacher's presence. They had also invited me to the ritual. Art therapy came a long way to help in children's trauma resolution and rehabilitation." he said.

Dr Jayakumar said while most men, who lost their wives to tsunami, got remarried, for most widows, remarriage was not an easy option because of social norms and stereotypes. They faced deeper mental health issues. "Many girls, who could have taken up higher studies, landed up getting married after loss of family status, livelihood and due to financial constraints," he added.

"Women, who had lost their husbands and children, were branded as bad omen. Many of them, who had undergone tubectomy before tsunami, underwent recanalisation. This reduced their stress levels and gave them hope. In Nagapattinam and other impacted districts, a lot of such surgeries were reported. It was worse for women, who were past their reproductive age," Jayakumar said.

A team of around 150 mental health experts and staff under former director Dr D Nagaraja, NIMHANS and allied institutional projects, worked tirelessly in providing psychco-social support to tsunami victims in Andamans & Nicobar Islands, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry. In 2005, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare designated NIMHANS as the nodal centre for Psychosocial Support in Disaster Management.

Gujarat plaque row refuses to ebb, Jain seer slams BJP

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

A Jain Muni has stirred a controversy by rapping the Gujarat BJP leadership of surrendering to individualism and ignoring ideological and cultural traditions.

The sharp observations of Jain Muni **Acharya Suryasagarji Maharaj** come in the context of disagreements within the state BJP over the installation of a plaque in a half-complete office of the party in Vadodara.

The plaque was criticized for including the names of select party leaders, the ire directed against the state party president, CR Patil. The plaque was hurriedly removed and replaced with another carrying some more names to douse the anger. The Jain Muni questioned the necessity of the plaque, obliquely saying it was a departure from the party's committed ideology against notions of individualism.

In a video that is going viral, he said: "On October 21, 1951, Syama Prasad Mookerjee founded Jana Sangh in Delhi with Hindutva at its core. The transition from Jana Sangh to Bharatiya Janata Party was built on ideology, not individual prominence."

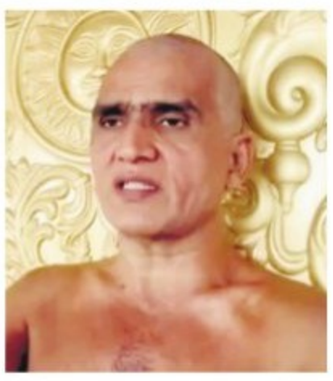
He also referred to the hurried inauguration of an incomplete building by skipping "auspicious time".

The seer questioned: "What was the need for plaques in a half-built BJP office? And that too, without consulting an auspicious time? Is there any plaque installed at the BJP's Delhi headquarters?"

He also took a dig at the BJP's internal dynamics and slamming the poor turnout of leaders at the Vastu Pujan ceremony of the Vadodara city BJP office. The acharya delivered a scathing critique of the Vadodara BJP, questioning its alignment with party ideology. "Is the local BJP organization in Vadodara unaware of the party's core principles, or does it see itself as above the organization? This is incomprehensible."

Taking a swipe at the state leadership, he added, "Even the state organization, present there, is busy unveiling plaques. What will happen to Gujarat? What will happen to Vadodara? Lord Ram, save Gujarat!"

Jain Acharya Suryasagar, renowned for his sharp critiques, previously grabbed headlines by questioning the government's response to Vadodara's floods and raising doubts about BJP leaders and the party's organizational strength.



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A journey from Kashmir to Kanniyakumari on track

S GURU SRIKANTH @Srinagar

THE long-awaited train service from Kashmir to Kanniyakumari is about to become a reality. This follows the Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) inspecting the 17 km Katra-Reasi stretch of the 65 km Katra-Sangaldan section of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link on January 5, 2025.

This is a vital link connecting Kashmir to the rest of the country. PM Narendra Modi is likely to dedicate it to the nation on January 26. "Of the 65-km long Katra-Sangaldan, the Reasi-Sangaldan part including Reasi Station has been completed. Only a 17 km stretch between Katra and Sangaldan which has the iconic Anji Khad bridge is pending CRS inspection. All of them together will be inaugurated together by the PM," said K Sainath Reddy, executive engineer of Konkan Railway at Reasi Station.

Anji Khad Bridge, which connects two tunnels between Katra and Reasi station is India's first cable-stayed bridge is 473.35 meters long. Katra is the last railway station on the Jammu side where people get down for the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine. "The bridge has support of 96 cables having cable lengths varying from 82 meters to 295 meters," said Sjuo Kumar Deputy Chief Engineer (Bridges) of Konkan Railways. After Reasi, comes Bakkal, and thereafter comes Kanthan Chenab Railway Station. Before the station is Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge.

"The height of this arch bridge is 359 meters above the riverbed. It is taller than the Statue of Unity, which is 182 meters, and the Eiffel Tower, which stands at a height of 330 metres," said RR Mallick, Deputy CE of Chenab Bridge.

For the people in the rest of the country, especially those down South, Kashmir is a dream destination, which the majority have heard of or seen only in movies.

Given the high cost of air travel, Kashmir visit remains a dream for many. "If there is a train to Srinagar, I would go. My heart desires to see Dal Lake in Srinagar, where the famous song from Kashmir Ki Kali was shot," said Swapna from Vijayawada.

Qadir, who has been operating a Shikara on the famous Dal Lake in Srinagar for more than 40 years, calls it a welcome development. Afsan, who operates Kashmiri Arts Gallery, a floating shop on Dal Lake said many artisans and craftsmen would benefit. Feroz, who runs a Kashmiri crafts shop in Srinagar, said, "Now, we are spending anywhere between ₹3,000 to ₹4,000 on cabs. The cost would decrease by one-third," he said.

Nisar from Anantnag said the though the new railway connection will bring more opportunities for Kashmir, but there are concerns that those dependent on transportation like cabs, trucks, might suffer from decrease in demand for them.

DREAM BECOMES REALITY
17 KM
long Katra - Reasi stretch of the 65 km long Katra-Sangaldan section of Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link
VITAL LINK CONNECTING KASHMIR VALLEY TO COUNTRY
TO CREATE CHANCES FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, AND TOURISM
205 KM
approach roads constructed to provide connectivity to inaccessible areas, which benefited 1.5 lakh people living in 73 villages
473.35 METERS
Anji Khad bridge is India's first cable-stayed bridge
Katra-Sangaldan section with most no. of bridges and tunnels

Disaster-prone U'khand early warning system to firm up alert mechanisms

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

THE Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority is developing a multi-hazard early warning system to improve alert mechanisms in disaster-prone areas. This system aims to anticipate threats from landslides, earthquakes, floods, and other natural calamities, ensuring that local residents are warned in advance.

Vinod Kumar Suman, SDMA secretary, announced the launch of the 'U-Prepare' scheme. "Under the U-Prepare scheme, contacts will be established with organisations involved in disaster management and early warning agencies. These agencies will only be compensated for their services when they provide accurate and timely information. The objective of this system is to ensure that we can minimise in a disaster," Suman said.

"A system equipped with modern technologies is being developed in the state. This system will be implemented under the World Bank-funded U-Prepare scheme," he added.

In Uttarakhand, landslides, floods, and cloudbursts during the monsoon season result in significant loss of life and property every year.

The Social Development for Communities (SDC) Foundation on Thursday released its report on the Char Dham Yatra, titled 'Pathways to Pilgrimage'. Anoop Nautiyal, founder of SDC, said, "This year's Char Dham Yatra has seen 261 fatalities across all four shrines and Hemkund Sahib. Among these, 249 deaths were due to medical reasons, while 12 were attributed to natural disasters."

1 worker killed, another hurt in tunnel collapse

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

ONE worker died and another injured as a rock formation collapsed at the Gholtir tunnel on the Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway line in Uttarakhand.

Investigations reveal that the workers were working under conditions where loose rock was present. Official sources have indicated that safety measures in such areas will be reviewed to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Construction work was underway at the Gholteer tunnel on the Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway line. On Wednesday, workers from the contracting company, Megha Engineering, were working near the ITBP camp when a weak rock formation collapsed, burying two laborers under the debris.

1,500
Prisoners escaped from jails in Mozambique

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	1	-6	SNY	Los Angeles	19	9	SNY
Colombo	32	25	SNY	Melbourne	21	14	LC
Dhaka	28	16	SNY	Moscow	2	-1	LC
Dubai	27	18	SNY	New York	3	1	SNY
Houston	24	19	SNY	Singapore	31	26	SNY
Istanbul	9	6	LR	Toronto	3	3	LC
London	8	6	LC	Washington	10	8	LR

Investigation on plane crash veers towards Russian missile attack

BAKU

AZERBAIJANI authorities believe the crash of an Azerbaijan Airlines plane in Kazakhstan that killed 38 people was caused by a Russian surface-to-air missile, several media reported Thursday.

The jet was en route from the country's capital Baku to the city of Grozny in Chechnya, southern Russia, on Wednesday but crashed near Aktau in Kazakhstan.

Euronews cited Azerbaijani government sources as saying that "shrapnel hit the passengers and cabin crew as it exploded next to the aircraft mid-flight". Military and aviation experts have pointed to apparent shrapnel damage on the fuselage of the plane.

Euronews also cited its sources saying the damaged plane "was not allowed to land at any Russian airports despite the pilots' requests for an emergency landing".

They said the plane was instead ordered to fly across the Caspian Sea to Aktau – far off its original route.

Turkey's official *Anadolu* news agency carried a similar report citing the preliminary results of the investigation, saying "the plane was attacked by a Pantsir missile system" as it approached Grozny.

Emergency specialists work at the crash site of the passenger jet | AFP

"The aircraft's communication system was completely paralysed due to the use of Russian electronic warfare systems, which resulted in the plane disappearing from radars while in Russian airspace," Anadolu reported.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Thursday cautioned against "hypotheses" about the crash before the official Kazakh investigation is completed.

Russia's aviation agency also mentioned birds as a possible cause. *AFP*

Massive fire in Dhaka damages official papers

The inferno broke out early in the morning at Secretariat; no casualties were reported

DHAKA

A massive fire broke out at a major building of the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka on Thursday, damaging official documents that prompted authorities to form a high-powered investigation committee amid suspicions that it could be an act of sabotage.

The fire broke out in Building 7 of the Bangladesh Secretariat and it was brought under control after nearly six hours of firefighting efforts.

According to officials, the fire broke out Thursday early morning in the nine-storey building housing seven ministries inside the high-security complex. However, no casualties were reported.

"The fire broke out in three spots (of the building) simultaneously hours after midnight yesterday," fire service chief Brigadier General Zahed Kamal told newsmen indicating it might not be an accidental inferno.

Officials said a power outage caused by the fire forced as well other ministries apart from the building to halt their normal work while security agencies restricted entry inside the complex preventing many staff and officials from entering into the complex at the central part of the capital.

They said most rooms on the sixth, seventh and eighth floors of building no 7 were severely damaged while a huge volume of documents from the local government and post & telecommunications ministries were burnt alongside the furniture.

"The water used to douse the fire also damaged many documents...pigeons which made different parts of the building were seen dead and window spans were broken," an official said after visiting the building.

Local government adviser Asif Mahmud Sajeeb Bhuiyan, a leader of the Anti-Discrimination Students Movement that led the ouster of ex-prime minister Sheikh Hasina's regime on August 5 said, "The conspirators have not stopped their activities."

He said the documents which were damaged included papers and proofs of corruption of millions of dollars during the ousted Awami League regime.

"But no one will be given a single inch pace to escape (punitive actions) if found involved to fail us," said Bhuiyan. *PTI*

2009 army mutiny to be investigated

Bangladesh on Thursday ordered a commission to investigate a failed 2009 army mutiny and subsequent crackdown, including the role of alleged "foreign" backers, the inquiry chief said. "We aim to determine whether any foreign entity was involved in the carnage, as allegations of national and international conspiracy have been raised," commission chief A L M Fazlur Rahman told reporters

World's largest dam to be built over Brahmaputra

BEIJING

CHINA has approved the construction of the world's largest dam, stated to be the planet's biggest infra project costing $137 billion, on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet close to the Indian border, raising concerns in riparian states – India and Bangladesh. The Chinese government has approved the construction of a hydropower project in the lower reaches of the Yarlung Zangbo River, the Tibetan name for the Brahmaputra, according to an official statement quoted by state-run *Xinhua* news agency on Wednesday.

The dam is to be built at a huge gorge in the Himalayan reaches where the Brahmaputra river makes a huge U-turn to flow into Arunachal Pradesh and then to Bangladesh.

The total investment in the dam could exceed one trillion yuan ($137 billion), which would dwarf any other single infrastructure project on the planet including China's own Three Gorges Dam, regarded as the largest in the world, the Hong Kong-based *South China Morning Post* reported on Thursday.

China has already Operationalised the $1.5 billion Zam Hydropower Station, the largest in Tibet in 2015. The Brahmaputra dam was part of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) and National Economic and Social Development and the Long-Range Objectives Through the Year 2035 adopted by Plenum, a key policy body of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) in 2020. Concerns arose in India as the dam besides empowering China to control the water flow, the size and scale of it could also enable Beijing to release large amounts of water flooding border areas in times of hostilities. India too is building a dam over Brahmaputra in Arunachal Pradesh.

India and China established the Expert Level Mechanism (ELM) in 2006 to discuss various issues related to trans-border rivers under which China provides India with hydrological information on the Brahmaputra river and Sutlej river during the flood seasons.

The Brahmaputra Dam presents enormous engineering challenges as the project site is located along a tectonic plate boundary where earthquakes occur. The Tibetan plateau, regarded as the roof of the world, frequently experiences earthquakes as it is located over the tectonic plates. *PTI*

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2, AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
Case No. O.A. No.84/2024

BETWEEN :
STATE BANK OF INDIA ...Applicant
AND
PRAVEEN KUMAR BOTHRA & OTHERS ...Defendants

To
1.Praveen Kumar Bothra, son of Tikam Cand Bothra, Aged about 35 years
2. Swati Jain, Wife of Praveen Kumar Bothra, Aged about 35 years,
3.Tikam Chand Bothra, Son of Late Ganapat Lal Bothra, Aged about 61 years.
All are residing at No. 1936, Nisarga Layout, Harapanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District - 560 105.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19, of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions act, 1993, against the above defendnts for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.29,06,469/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other relief's.
The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **03.03.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this the **18.11.2024.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -2, Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-11)
G & WC.NO. 43/2024

BETWEEN:1. SMT.SUPRITHA.R. W/o Late Naveen Kumar Aged about 36 years, **2. KUM. PUSHTLN** D/o Late Naveen Kumar and Smt.Supritha.R, Aged about 04 years, (since minor represented by her mother /natural guardian, 1st plaintiff) Both are Residing at No.130, Kanchaya Nagara, Near Nagarabhavi BDA Complex, Vishwaneedum Post, Bengaluru-560 091.
...Petitioner /Plaintiffs
AND:Nil ...Respondent /Defendant

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the 1st petitioner above named have filed the above petition under section 9, 10, 11 of G & WC Act, for grant of permission to Petitioner No. 1 alienate the Item No.1 and 2 of the schedule property for construction of item No.3 of the schedule property, 2nd petitioner is the minor and her share is involved in the schedule property, and grant other relief to the petitioners in respect of the petition schedule properties, if any person having any objection, claim and right in respect of petition schedule property to grant permission to alienate as stated above, shall be appeared before this Hon'ble Court on **15-02-2025 in CCH-11 at 11.00 a.m.** either in person or through pleader who can answer all the materials with respect to the petition, in default matter will be determined as per the law.

A-SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.321, situated at Lingambhudi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, layout formed in Sy. No.75/1, 76, 118/5, 120/1, 120/2, 120/3, 120/4, 120/5, total extent of 20 acres 02 guntas, the said layout has been formed by Mysore District Employees Housing Co-operative Society Ltd. Mysore and bounded on:
East by: Road **West by:**Site No.341
North by: Site No.322 **South by:**Site No.320

B-SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO.2 All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.1977, formed by the BDA measuring to an extent of East to West: 9 mtrs, North to South: 6 Mtrs, totally measuring 54 sq. mtrs, situated at further extension Sri Vishveshwaraiah Nagara Layout, 9th Block, Bengaluru, and bounded on:
East by: Site No.1960 **West by:**Road
North by: Site No.1976 **South by:**Site No.1978

C-SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No.48, Khatha No.43, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South: 40 ft, admeasuring 1200 sq.ft in the layout known as "BFW layout" formed by the Bharat Fritz werner Employees' Housing Co-operative Society Limited, and approved by the Bangalore Development Authority at land bearing Sy.No. 142 of Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently Laggere, BBMP Ward No.41- Peenya industrial Area, Bengaluru, and the same is bounded on:**East by:**Site No.49 **West by:**Site No.47 **North by:**Site No.37 **South by :** Road
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 26th day of December 2024.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONERS:
Sri. Govindegowda, Advocate,
Office at No.19, Mathapithru Nivas, 1st Cross, Amruthahalli, Sahakaranagara Post, Bengaluru-560092.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, AT BENGALURU
No. 1, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001
O.A. No.1071/2020

Between: City Union Bank Ltd., R. T. Nagar Branch ....Applicant
And
Mr. Srinandh K. P.& Ors ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendant No. 1 and 2
1. Mr. Srinandh K. P., S/o. Panduranga Setty
2. Ms. Kriti Srinandh, D/o. K. P. Srinandh
Both are R/at. No. 203, 2nd Floor, 8th Cross, Classic Court Apartment, Bangalore - 560 082. Also at : No. 104 Sree Glitz First, Gate, 3rd Main, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560 018.
Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.20,02,274/-** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Two Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Four) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **28.01.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 17.12.2024.

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I, Bangalore
Advocate for Applicant Bank
Prakash Hegde K.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. A.B Prakash M/s. Bycchancee Bar & Restaurant, No.51 & 52, Koshy's Building, Brigade Road, Bengaluru-560001 has submitted an appliacation to this Office requesting to grant licence for conducting 'Discotheque at M/s. Bycchancee Bar & Restaurant, No.51 & 52, Koshy's Building, Brigade Road, Bengaluru-560001.

Any Person/ Society/ any other body having any objections/ suggestions in this regard may submit in writing with signature to Dy. Commissioner of Police (Administration), Office of the Commissioner of Police, No. 1, Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560 001 either in person or through post within **15 days** from the date of issuance of this notice. After **15 days,** further action will be taken in the matter to consider the application.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY
East By : Private Property,
West by : Brigade Road,
North by : Private Building,
South by : Private Building.

Mr. A.B Prakash
Bangalore

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the public notice in this paper dated 22/12/2024, the name mentioned in the last line of para 3 is to be read as Mr. S.N. Sankpal in place of the name wrongly stated as Mr. N. Sankalp.
B.N. Tulsi Kumar, Advocate
Mobile : 9845811922
bn.tulsikumar@gmail.com

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE, 58TH ADDL CITY CIVIL COURT AND SESSION JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S No. 6984/2023

BETWEEN:State Bank of India Retail Asset Processing Centr Basavanagudi No.13/1, Bull Temple Road, Opp Ramakrishna Mitt, Basavanagudi Bangalore -560004 represented by its Chief Manager Basavaraj K N ...PLAINTIFF
AND: Mrs.Nagamani N ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT No.1 & 2 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908

1. Mrs. Nagamani N D/o Mr.Narayana Reddy, Old No.24, New No.36, Rishit Nivas, Govt School Road, Punya Bhumi Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore-560043 Mobile No: 9890180977?9/9341811179
2). Smt. Gopala Krishna.K S/o Kempe Gowda Old No.24, New No.36, Rishit Nivas, Govt School Road, Punya Bhumi Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore-560043 Mobile No: 9890180977?9/9341811179

Whereas the plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of Rs.2,34,600/-(Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Four Thousand and Six Hundred Only) as on 26.03.2021 along with current and further interest @ 10.50% p.a., with a penal interest @ of 2% p.a., from 26.03.2021 to till the date of realization.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court on **2/1/2025 at 11.00 A.M** in person or through the Advocate/pleader to answer the question to the same failing which the sut will be heard and determined as Ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 28th day of December 2024

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Padmashree M Advocate for Plaintiff
No, 29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore-560094

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

SALE NOTICE
Auction Date 28.01.2025

KARKALA-I BRANCH

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in Particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to Secured Creditor, the constructive /physical possession of which had been taken by the Authorised Officer of Regional Office-II, Udupi, Canara Bank will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" " AS IS WHAT IS", and " WHATEVER THERE IS" ON 28.01.2025 for recovery of 72,92,600.06/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred and Paisa Six Only) due to the Karkala-I Branch of Canara Bank from Mrs. Vanitha J Nayak and Mr. H Janaradhan Nayak

Details and full description of the property.

All that Residential Apartment bearing No. 34034, Level – 3, Second Floor, situated in Buidling No. 3, Tower No. 4, in the project viz. PRESTIGE FALCON CITY, developed on the property measuring (i) 02 acres 23 guntas in Sy no 31/2, (ii) 02 acres 08 guntas in Sy no 32/1, (iii) 01 acre 31 guntas in sy no 32/2 , (iv) 01 acre 36 guntas in sy no 32/3,(v) 01 acre 23 guntas in Sy no 32/4, (vi) 03 acres 08 guntas in sy no 34/1, (vii) 03 acres 02 guntas in sy no 35/1, (viii) 03 acres 02 guntas in sy no 35/2, (ix) 00 acre 27.68 guntas in sy no 36/1A(part), (x) 01 acre 24 guntas in sy no 36/2A, (xi) 01 acre 13 guntas in sy no 36/2b, situated at doddakallasandra village, uttarahalli hobli, Bangalore south Taluk , (xii) 03 acres 20 guntas in Sy no 41/2 (part), (xiii) 02 acres 32 guntas in sy no 42 and (xiv) 01 acre 16 guntas in sy no 43/1b, situated at konanakunte village, uttarahalli hobli, Bangalore south taluk, in all measuring 30 acres 25.68 guntas and presently bearing municipal no 1182/Sy no 31/2, 32/1, 32/3, 32/4, 34/1, 35/2, 35/1, 36/2A, 41/2, 40, 41/3, 42, 43/1b,36/1a, 36/2b, 37/1,38/1,38/2, 37/2, 36/1b, 36/1c (in the records of bruhat Bangalore mahanagara palike) and situated at Doddakallasandra in Municipal ward no 197 of Uttarahalli division, Bangalore Property and Apartment measuring 842 Sq. Ft. of carpet area and 388 Sq. Ft. of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and totally measuring 1230 Sq. Ft. of super built up area with right to use ONE Linked covered car parking space in the Lower/Upper Basement Floor

Boundaries: East : Open towards Open Space in Building – 3, Tower – 4 of Prestige Falcon City, West : Appartment No.34033 in Level -3, Secound Floor in building-3, Tower – 4 of Prestige Falcon City, South : Corridor/Lift in Level -3, Secound Floor in building-3, Tower – 4 of Prestige Falcon City, North : Open towards Open Space in Building – 3, Tower – 4 of Prestige Falcon City

Reserve price Rs. 1,46,93,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Sixty Forty Six Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Only)
EMD: Rs. 14,69,300/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Only)
The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 27.01.2025 at 5:00 pm.

for more detail contact Branch Incharge, Karkala-I Mob: 9483510609, during office hours on any working day and e-mail: cb0609@canarabank.com or roudi2rec@canarabank.com.

Date: 24/12/2024
Plase: Udupi

Sd /- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, our client is proposing to purchase the lands described in the schedule hereunder written from respective owners. Terms of the purchase are under negotiations. Meanwhile, we are instructed to carry out a due diligence of the schedule properties and the scrutiny of documents to ascertain marketable title and lawful possession of the respective owners, are in process. As part of the due diligence report, this public notice is issued to receive a response from any persons interested in the schedule properties or opposing the sale or otherwise of the schedule properties including any financial institutions, agreement holders, GPA holders or any person claiming any right title, claim, interest or lien over the schedule properties or any portion thereof and/or opposing sale of the schedule properties to my client or otherwise in any manner whatsoever, are hereby notified to register their objections/claims, if any with supporting authenticated documents, justifying such claims to the undersigned within "Fifteen days" from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration.

If no objections/claims are received with supporting documents as above within the stipulated period, my client will proceed with the completion of the proposed transaction as if there are no objections or objections if any, are deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of land situated at **Kempanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & District and bounded as follows:**

Sl.No.	Sy No.	Extent		Schedule Boundaries				
		Acre	Gunta	East By	West by	North by	South by	Owner/s
1.	82/1	00	15.12	Land in Sy.No.37	Land in Sy.No.39	Land in Sy.No.40	Land in Sy.No.82	Venkataswamaiah
2.	82/4	01	19.04	Land belong to K.P. Paramshivaiah, Mallamma, Veerabhadraiah & Channaveeraiah	Land belongs to K.Putaswamy	Land belongs to Rajanna	Land belongs to Mallamma	Ramesh
3.	37/1	00	10.14	Government Halla	Land belongs to Venkataswamaiah	Land belongs to Narasimhaiah	Land belongs to Mamatha	Chandra
4.	36/10 (Old 36/6)	00	04	Land belongs to Mamatha	Government Halla	Land belongs to Putaswamaiah	Land belongs to Lakshmanaiah	-do-
5.	83/1	01	20	Land belongs to Ramesh	Land belongs to Ramachandraiah	Land belongs to Venkatachalaiah	Land belongs to Mallamma & K.S. Bhadraiah	K.Putaswamy
6.	83/3	01	15	Land belongs to K. Putaswamaiah	Land belongs to Madaiah	Govt. Road	Land belongs to Shivakumar	Ramachandraiah & Family
7.	84/2	00	20	Land in Sy.No.83	Land in Sy.No.85	Land belongs to K.P. Mallaiah	Land in Sy.No.38	K.P. Somanna
8.	84/3	00	19.08	Land in Sy.No.83	Land in Sy.No.85	Land belongs to K.P. Somanna	Land belongs to K.P. Mallaiah	K.P. Somalingaiah
9.	84/4	00	14.08	Land in Sy.No.83	Land in Sy.No.85	Land belongs to K.P. Somalingaiah	Land belongs to K.P. Paramashivaiah	K.P. Mallaiah
10.	82/3	00	13.12	Land belongs to Rajanna	Land belongs to K.Putaswamaiah & Road	Land belongs to Krishnappa	Land belongs to Ramesh	Rajanna
11.	37/6	00	12.04	Road	Land belongs to Chikka Venkataiah	Land belongs to Giri Thimmaiah	Road	-do-
12.	86/1	04	26	Land belongs to Kemparevanna and Renukaiah	Land belongs to Saavandi Shivamma	Government Halla	Road	Shankarappa
13.	81	03	20	Land belongs to Saavandi Shivamma	Land belongs to Kenchappa @ Chikkanna	Land belongs to ChennaVeeraiah	Road	-do-
14.	39/2A2	00	21	Land belongs to Venkatachalaiah	Land belongs to Venkatachalaiah	Land belongs to Girithimmaiah	Road	Chikkavenkatappa @ Chikkavenkataiah
15.	39/4	00	30 1/2	Land in Sy.No.21	Mayaganahalli Border	Land belongs to Girithimmaiah	Land belongs to Venkatachalaiah	-do-
16.	32/1	2	00	Land belongs to Savandiah and K.V.Mayanna	Government Halla	Land in Sy.No.32	Kalu Hadi	Kariyappa
17.	39/2A3	0	21	Road	Land belongings to Chikkavenkatappa	Land belongings to Ramesh	Road	Venkatachalaiah
18.	39/5 old Sy No. 39/1C	0	30 1/2	Land belongings to Chikka Venkatappa	Mayaganahalli Boundary	Land belongings to Chikka Venkatappa	Land belongings to Yogesh & Road	Venkatachalaiah
	Total	19	33.04					

Mr. Prakash T Hebbar, Advocate,
Hebbar Law Firm,
No. SF-17, 2nd Floor, Hameed Shah Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 002.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2, AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
Case No. O.A. No.134/2024

BETWEEN :
STATE BANK OF INDIA ...Applicant
AND
SRI NAVEEN PRAKASH & ANOTHER ...Defendants

2. Smt. Ranjana S. G. Aged about 54 years, R/at No. 318/45, 3rd Cross, Behind Syndicate Bank, Erappa Reddy Layout, Subbaiahnapalya, Bangalore - 560 043.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19, of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions act, 1993, against the above defendnts for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.48,39,133/-** (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirty Three Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other relief's.
The above defendants are required to appear therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **11.03.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **07.11.2024.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar-2
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173)

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APPENDIX-IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction 15 days Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagers in particular that the below described immovable propertymortgagedto the Secured creditor, State Bank of India, the Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **21.01.2025** for recovery of **Rs. 33,19,691/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety One only) as on 24.12.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 25.12.2024 with incidental expenses, costs due to State Bank of India, Secured creditors from **1. Sri. Kurucheti Bhaskara Venkata Kumar** & **2. (since deceased) Late. Roop Venkat Kumar Chaluvadi**, represented by its legal heirs **i) Smt. Naga Prathima Chaluvadi,** W/o. Late Roop Venkat Kumar Chaluvadi & **ii) Master Lakhan,** S/o. Late Roop Venkat Kumar Chaluvadi, Mother and Natural guardian Smt.Naga Prathima Chaluvadi.
The reserve price, earnest money deposit, bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.72,24,000/-	Rs.7,22,400/-	Rs.25,000/-	11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.on 21.01.2025	On or before 20.01.2025 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Title deed holders: Sri. Kurucheti Bhaskara Venkata Kumar, Smt.Naga Prathima Chaluvadi & Master Lakhan
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing Sy.No.44/3, New Sy.No. 44/3A, immovable property presently coming within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, bearing BBMP Khatha No.691/44/3A, measuring 1 Acre 36 Guntas, situated at Tubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by : Mr.Munichinnappa's Land, West by : Road and Biddappa's Land, North by : Ramaiah's Land and, South by : Nagaraj's Land
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 480 Sq.ft undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : A Two Bedroom Apartment/Flat No.001, Block 'B' Wing 'A', in the Ground Floor in the Apartment Building known as 'CHARITHA GREEN WOODS", constructed on the Schedule "A" Property with super built-up area of 1235 Sq.feet, with exclusive use of the allotted area with right to use of one car parking space in the Stilt Floor, together with all common area attributable thereto, standing in the joint names of (1) Sri.Kurucheti Bhaskara Venkata Kumar S/o. Kurucheti Radha Krishna Murthy and (2). Sri.Roop Venkat Kumar Chaluvadi S/o. Late Ch.Lakshmi Narasimha Rao.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,Bengaluru i.e..,www.sbi.co.in and website maintained by PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd, https://baanknet.com

Date: 26.12.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

Bank balance sheets robust as NPAs fall

RBI report says focus on cleaning up books has led to bad loan ratios dropping to 13-year lows

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Mumbai

THE financial position of the banks has stayed robust, marked by the sustained expansion in assets and also liabilities/deposits, while their continuing focus on cleaning up their books has led to the gross bad loan ratios dropping to 13-year lows, a central bank report released on Thursday said.

In the latest 'report on trends and progress of banking' which shares data up to the September quarter and for the fiscal 2024, and released Thursday, the central bank said, system wide gross non-performing assets ratio (NPA) of banks slipped to an over-13-year low of 2.5% as of September from 2.7% as of March 2024. Similarly, net bad loans fell to 0.57% of total loans during the period under review from 0.62% as of March 2024, driven by stronger loan-loss buffers.

It attributes the strong balance sheets to robust credit growth during 2023-24. Banks capital to risk weighted assets ratio was 16.8% as of September, with all bank groups meeting the regulatory minimum requirement and the common equity tier 1 ratio requirement.

On the profitability side, the report said it rose for the sixth consecutive year in fiscal 2024 and continued to rise in the first half of fiscal 2025 with the return on assets at 1.4% and return on equity at 14.6 percent. On the improvement in asset quality, as measured by their GNPA ratios, commenced in 2018-19. GNPAs came down by 15.9% year-on-year to ₹4.8 trillion as of March 2024 and the GNPA ratio declined to 2.7%, the lowest in 13 years, from 3.9% in March 2023. During 2023-24, nearly 44.4% of the reduction in GNPAs was attributable to better recoveries and upgrades.

The net NPA (NNPA) ratio fell to a decadal low of 0.62% at end-March 2024, driven by stronger provision buffers. As of September 2024, the NNPA ratio improved to 0.57%. The slippage ratio, which measures new accretions to NPAs as a share of standard advances at the beginning of the year, improved during 2023-24. For the third consecutive year, the slippage ratio of private banks remained higher than public banks on account of the former's larger fresh accretion to NPAs.

The combined balance sheet of urban co-operative banks expanded in 2023-24, with asset quality improving for the third consecutive year while capital buffers and profitability were strengthened. Banks have cleaned up their balance sheets in recent years by selling bad loans to asset reconstruction companies or by writing them off to the tune of ₹10 trillion in past five years and ₹12 trillion since the Modi government assumed office in May 2014.

₹21,367 cr lost in bank frauds in H1, up 8-times

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THE number of bank frauds has seen a significant increase during the first half of the current financial year to 18,461 cases, as per the RBI report released on Thursday. The amount lost during the period has skyrocketed more than eight times to ₹21,367 crore.

As per the report on trend and progress of banking in 2023-24, the number of bank frauds has witnessed a massive year-on-year rise during the first half of the current fiscal to 18,461 cases as against 14,480 cases in the year-ago period, while the amount lost has jumped over eight-times to ₹21,367 crore as against only ₹2,623 crore in the comparative period of the last financial year.

It further said frauds present multiple challenges for the financial system in the form of reputational risks, operational risks, business risks and erosion of customer confidence with financial stability implications.

VOICES

Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh is no more. He had served as the Governor of RBI and as Finance Minister of India. Presented the milestone budget of 1991 which liberalised the Indian economy. Respected by all, he was soft-spoken and gentle. Condolences to his family and friends.

Nirmala Sitharaman, finance minister

Deeply saddened by the passing of Dr Manmohan Singh. History will forever honour his pivotal role in the transformative 1991 reforms that reshaped India and opened its doors to the world. A rare leader who spoke softly but achieved monumental strides through his actions, Dr Singh's life remains a masterclass in leadership, humility and service to the nation and will inspire generations to come.

Gautam Adani, Chairman, Adani Group

MANMOHAN SINGH
26 SEPT 1932-26 DEC 2024

ARCHITECT OF ECONOMIC LIBERALISATION FALLS SILENT

Industrialists and people from economic arena mourned the death of former prime minister Manmohan Singh, who is credited with successfully anchoring the sinking ship of the Indian economy by ushering in bold economic reforms under Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao. He died at the age of 92 on Thursday.

Deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Manmohan Singh ji, former Prime Minister of India and the visionary leader behind India's economic liberalisation. A statesman of humility and wisdom-India owes him a debt of gratitude.

Sajjan Jindal, chairman & MD, JSW Group

India mourns the loss of Dr. Manmohan Singh, a true statesman whose quiet demeanour belied his transformative impact. An architect of economic reforms, he shaped modern India with intellect, grace, and integrity. A leader who let actions speak louder than words. #RIP

Harsh Goenka, chairman, RPG Group

My generation of Indians was the creation of the economic reforms introduced by Finance Minister Manmohan Singh & Prime Minister Rao in 1991. As I have said before, the two most significant years of the twentieth century for India were 1947 and 1991 - one brought political freedom and the other economic freedom. Manmohan Singh will always be remembered for announcing the Great Liberalisation...

Sanjeev Sanyal, member of Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister

TRADEMARK

HC bars websites from copying RummyCircle

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Bengaluru

THE Delhi High Court has passed an order of interim injunction restraining defendants- impugned websites-from using the RummyCircle trademark or any other similar trademark in their domain name and social media posts.

The HC has issued a John Doe order (which allows a person to take legal action against unknown parties) in favour of Games24x7, parent company of RummyCircle, in a case of trademark and copyright infringement. Games24x7 had filed a suit in the court for restraining infringement of copyright, trademark, misrepresentation and image rights of celebrity endorsers of RummyCircle and unlawfully using the names of the company's founders against certain websites.

Acknowledging that the case was of gross violation of Games24x7's rights and its founders, the court passed the order restraining defendants from using Games24x7 founders' names in any manner.

Games 24x7's equity funding till now stands at $99.1 million and as of FY23, its annual revenue stood at ₹2,020 crore. In its recent report, interactive media and gaming VC fund Lumikai said the country's new media market is worth $12.5 billion in FY24, with 30% share accrued to the gaming sector.

Quick commerce growth in 2024: From gold, groceries to gadget delivery in 10 min

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

THE quick commerce sector in 2024 not only witnessed significant venture funding and growth, but also saw the entry of major players and extraordinary growth in terms of users. Swiggy went public this year and Zomato-backed Blinkit business turned adjusted EBITDA positive in March 2024.

While Flipkart forayed into quick commerce with 'Minutes', Amazon announced Tez and Myntra launched 'M-Now'. All major players are now focusing on the rapidly booming quick commerce market. Thanks to widespread adoption and demand not just in metro cities but also across tier-2 and 3 cities.

As per Tracxn report, the quick commerce space in 2024 saw a significant jump in terms of funding as the sector raised $1.37 billion in equity funding from 7 rounds, driven largely by Zepto, which secured $1.355 billion across three $300 million rounds. In the next three years, Redseer predicts a 40-45% GMV CAGR for q-commerce. Not just groceries and food, all players have now expanded their offerings that include toys, gold during Dhanteras, beauty products, fashion and electronics, among others.

On Thursday, Swiggy's quick commerce platform Instamart in its 2024 report said the fastest delivery of the year happened in

Kochi in 89 seconds and that a single user spent ₹8.3 lakh on gold during Dhanteras. People in Delhi have spent about ₹60 crore on noodle snack. The capital topped the charts for maximum orders of potato chips and instant noodles. Vizag went big on playtime, with a user spending ₹27,742 on toys this year. The cheapest order of the year came in at ₹3, a pencil sharpener, purchased by a user in Hyderabad at 8:15 pm. A user from Chennai splurged ₹1,25,454 on electronics, electricals and home appliances this year, picking up nearly 85 items.

Instamart is aiming to double its dark store count by March 2025 from 523 in March 2024. In its first-ever results post IPO, Swiggy said its quick commerce arm saw improved performance where its gross order value growth accelerated to 24% sequentially to reach ₹3,382 crore.

Govt could reduce income tax rates in budget

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

AMID outcry over the growing tax burden on the middle class, the government might reduce income tax rates for individuals earning up to ₹15 lakh a year, according to a report by Reuters.

Citing two unnamed sources, the international news agency said the move could benefit tens of millions of taxpayers, especially in the urban areas. The sources, who didn't want to be named, said the government has not decided on the size of any reduction.

A decision would be taken closer to the budget that will be presented in parliament on February 1.

The benefit would be available for those taxpayers who have opted for the new tax regime.

Under the new tax regime, there are no exemptions but have lower tax rates. The tax rates range from 5% to 20% for those earnings up to ₹15 lakh and 30% on earnings above that.

The old tax regime offers several exemptions including deduction on certain investments and expenses. However, under the old tax regime, any earnings above ₹10 lakh are taxed at 30%. India collects maximum tax from those earnings ₹10 lakh or more.

Several consumer companies have pointed out a slowdown in consumption, especially in the urban areas. Some have even hinted at the shrinking middle class.

Recently, in a pre-budget meeting with the finance minister, economists had suggested a reduction in income tax to boost consumption.

Private consumption growth has seen a decline in the second quarter to 6%, lower than 7.4% growth recorded during the first quarter.

The consumption slowdown was despite a lower base of 2.6% a year ago. Private consumption contributes 61% of the gross domestic product in real terms.

Rupee continues to decline for third consecutive session, hits low of 85.26

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @Mumbai

THE rupee continued to bleed for the third consecutive day on Thursday, pressured by a firm dollar and importers' month-end dollar demand. At the end of the market hours, the currency lost 6 paise against the dollar at 85.2625 from 85.20 in the previous session and had an all-time low of 85.2825 intra-day.

A trader said importers were very active in the market, though trading volume was relatively low as the year-end is nearing. It can be noted that the rupee's drop to 85 from 84 happened over two months, while the decline to 84 from 83 took nearly 14 months. Yet in terms of the real effective exchange rate (REER) at over 108.14 in November, or its value relative to multiple foreign currencies after adjusting for inflation, it is still at record high as its pair currencies have lost much more than the rupee.

Since slipping below 84 in mid-October, the rupee has been falling gradually amid growth slowdown, massive foreign outflows (over $12 billion in a month), worries over US president-elect Donald Trump's trade policies and a hawkish Federal Reserve.

However, persistent interventions from the Reserve Bank have kept the rupee's decline in check. According to RBI, it has sold more than $47 billion in October alone to defend the rupee.

According to the RBI bulletin for December, the Reserve Bank net sold $9.28 billion in the spot forex market in October while the net outstanding forward sale stood at $49.18 billion compared to the net sale of $14.58 billion in September.

The central bank said it purchased $27.5 billion and sold $36.78 billion during October. As against this the central bank has bought a net of $9.64 billion in the spot market in September. It can be noted that October was the most volatile month for the rupee which began with foreign funds starting a selling spree of domestic equities and then Donald Trump winning the US presidential polls only added to the pain for the currency.

EXPRESS READ

Sumitomo invests ₹3k cr into local arm

MUMBAI: The financial powerhouse Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc (SMFG) has reinforced its commitment to local subsidiary here infusing another Rs 3,000 crore equity into SMFG India Credit Company, which was formerly known as Fullerton India Credit though a rights issue. *ENS*

HC stays Dec 31 AGM of Religare Enterprises

NEW DELHI: Madhya Pradesh High Court has stayed the annual general meeting of Religare Enterprises (REL) scheduled for Dec 31 amid a tussle between the company's Chairperson Rashmi Saluja and the Burman family over open offer. As of Sept 30, Burmans, through its four entities, own a 25.12% stake in REL. *ENS*

YEAR-ENDER 2024

India sees higher oil demand growth than China

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE year 2024 is going to end with a higher oil demand growth rate as compared to Chaina's. This will position the South Asian country as one of the fastest-growing consumption centres in the global oil market, according to a report by S&P Global Commodity Insights.

This shift is expected to continue into 2025, prompting India's refiners to accelerate expansion efforts and broaden their crude diversification strategies to keep pace with the surge in demand. Despite China's slower demand growth, its market size—more than three times larger than India's—will continue to contribute significantly to global oil demand by volume. However, oil market stakeholders are increasingly turning their focus to India, as its peak demand is expected to occur much later than China's.

"India will be the leading driver, along with Southeast Asia and other parts of South Asia, of the region's future oil demand growth," said Kang Wu, global head of macro and oil demand research at S&P Global Commodity Insights.

He added that in 2025 India is forecast to deliver a relatively faster growth in oil demand of 3.2% as against China's 1.7%. He emphasised the role of petrochemical feedstock requirements in oil consumption growth in both countries next year. In the first ten months of 2024, India's oil demand rose by 180,000 barrels per day (b/d), or 3.2% year-over-year, significantly outpacing China, which saw a rise of 148,000 b/d, or 0.9%, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights. As the global oil market adapts to these shifting dynamics, all eyes will remain on India as it takes centre stage in driving future growth in global oil demand.

India is also set to see significant refining capacity growth in 2025. The country is just months away from launching its first greenfield integrated refinery complex in nearly a decade, leading to active negotiations with global oil producers for term crude imports for a project with the potential to generate incremental annual feedstock demand of up to 9 million metric tons.

HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Ltd., an integrated refinery and petrochemical complex under construction in Pachpadra, Balotra district of Rajasthan, has already seen certain units enter the pre-commissioning stage. The refinery is designed to process over 83% imported medium-grade crude, with the remainder being domestic crude.

Indian companies may raise ₹2 lakh cr from market via public issues in 2025

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

DESPITE a sharp correction in the equity market in recent months, the initial public offering (IPO) market has remained robust. While concerns persist that benchmark indices - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 - may take time to reclaim their all-time high levels, there are no signs of a slowdown in the primary market.

Investment banking company Pantomath Group has forecast record-breaking IPO fundraising in 2025, exceeding ₹2 lakh crore. "With the continued momentum in the markets, we now project that equity raised through IPOs will cross ₹2 lakh crore in the year 2025. This milestone is a testament to the resilience of India's capital markets, the confidence of investors, and the critical role IPOs play in fueling economic growth," said Mahavir Lunawat, managing director of Pantomath Capital," said Mahavir Lunawat, managing director of Pantomath Capital.

Market data reveals that 34 companies have received Sebi approvals to raise ₹41,462 crore, while 55 companies await clearance for ₹98,672 crore. Additionally, 143 draft red herringprospectuses (DRHPs)

were filed in 2024, compared to 84 in 2023 and 89 in 2022.

In the first 11 months of 2024, 76 firms raised ₹1.3 lakh crore via IPOs. This surge is attributed to favourable regulatory reforms and investor confidence, which fueled market momentum even amid broader downturns. The biggest IPO of 2024—and the largest in India's history—was Hyundai Motor India Ltd.'s ₹27,870 crore IPO, which was subscribed 2.37 times and listed at a 1.33% discount. Other notable IPOs included those by Swiggy, NTPC Green, and Bajaj Housing Finance. 2025 is expected to see high-profile IPOs such as e-commerce giant Flipkart, PhysicsWallah, Zepto, HDFC Credila and Ather Energy. Korean electronics giant' Indian subsidiary - LG- is expected to launch a mega IPO in 2025.

Halep withdraws from Australian Open qualifying

Two-time Grand Slam champion Simona Halep pulled out of Australian Open qualifying and a tuneup tournament in Auckland because of pain in her knee and shoulder, the latest interruption of her comeback from a drug suspension. Halep posted on social media that she was feeling poorly after participating in an exhibition event in Abu Dhabi.

Top Gun 4: Oz batters foil India's plans

In front of record number of fans at MCG on Day 1, Australia top-four help team post 311/6

Marnus Labuschagne (R) and Steve Smith added 83 runs for the third wicket | AP

JUST as India walked off the field at 12.30PM local time on Thursday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, they seemed resigned. Sam Konstas had set the tone upfront; Usman Khawaja and Marnus Labuschagne had followed through as Australia went to lunch with a score of 112/1 in 25 overs.

It was a session that had many firsts. From Australia fielding their youngest-ever Test opener to Jasprit Bumrah getting hit for a six in the longest format after three years to Australia getting their best opening stand since 2023 Boxing Day Test and so on. But most of all, it was about Konstas disrupting India's plans and setting the tone for the rest of the innings in front of 87,242 fans on debut.

In a session where India bowled 26 overs, Bumrah bowled almost one third of it — eight overs, three maidens for 41 runs — split into two spells. And this came despite India fielding six bowlers, opting Washington Sundar over Shubman Gill. While one could argue that they wanted Bumrah to bowl most while the ball had some movement — the fact that Konstas threw him off the length and India fielded two spinners on a pitch that was flatter than expected despite them having a piece of the teen sensation in Canberra felt a bit confusing.

India assistant coach Abhishek Nayar would later explain that the purpose of Washington coming in was to give the pacers a breather post 50 overs till the second new-ball comes into play. That was exactly what Rohit Sharma did — he did not bring the offie till after Tea even when Khawaja was cruising past a half-century.

Now, credit where it is due, Konstas took the risks and it paid off on the day. However, it is hard not to ignore India once again following the ball on the field. Konstas reverse scooped Bumrah and soon there was a fielder in the deep. Bumrah stuck to length and the teenager hit him down town. Konstas was exceptional in executing what he came out to do but the same cannot be said for India. "He batted really well and then we felt that that is an area that we had to stop. You had fielders in those areas and often that happens when a player is known to play certain shots, you want to make sure that you have fielders there and you still bowl to your lengths, your strengths. It's Test cricket, so you don't necessarily have to change your deliveries. It's just having the fielders in the right place and you still try to hit top of the off-stump more often than not. And that was pretty much the plan," Nayar would explain later.

That is not how things went down on the field. Konstas frustrated the Indians with his batting display. Virat Kohli even had a run in with the youngster, bumping his shoulder in between overs. Kohli was later fined by the ICC for that incident. Without uttering a word, the teenager had got under the skin of Kohli and by extension, India. That was visible as the bowlers were struggling with their lengths. Khawaja was the beneficiary, especially against Siraj. Bumrah kept beating the left-hander and Akash Deep was unlucky but Sharma's struggles with sticking to a plan and executing it as captain continued.

Even after Konstas got out, Khawaja and Labuschagne were allowed to take easy singles with no drop in the run rate. They were not in a hurry and played multiple maidens, but it did not look like they were going to get out any time soon. Khawaja got to his fifty and looked set for a long day on the field. At the brink of lunch, a momentary lapse in concentration from the left-hander meant he played a pull — a shot Khawaja would nail in his sleep — against a ball that stopped on him and hit it straight to KL Rahul. Such was the dismissal that even Bumrah could not believe it. Similarly, Labuschagne, too, suffered a soft dismissal while trying to take on Washington.

It was only Travis Head, who left a ball and got bowled by Bumrah, for whom India had a plan and executed it perfectly. After being quiet for two sessions, the Indian diaspora that had filled the MCG finally found their voice. From thereon till the end of play, they got behind every ball India bowled, cheering on Akash Deep, who did induce few plays and misses. But such was the other bowlers' line and lengths that Alex Carey and Steve Smith — the last of the top four who scored fifties — added 53 runs from just 80 balls. Akash Deep finally got his reward in Carey as Australia finished the day on 311/6.

At the start of the day, where all roads in Melbourne led to the G, fans swarmed the stands in their hopes to see the visitors dominate the proceedings. They were treated with one of the most audacious Test debuts in modern cricket history. For India, they would want to take confidence from the late wickets, but more importantly, Sharma and Co would want to come back with better plans and remove Smith and the rest sooner.

SCOREBOARD

Australia 1st Innings: Konstas b Jadeja 60, Khawaja c Rahul b Bumrah 57; Labuschagne: c Kohli b Washington 72; Smith n.o 68; Head b Bumrah 0; Marsh c Pant b Bumrah 4; Carey c Pant b Akash Deep 31; Cummins n.o 8. **Extras** (lb 7, nb 4): 11. **Total** (86 ovs): 311/6. **FoW**: 1-89, 2-154, 3-237, 4-240, 5-246, 6-299. **Bowling**: Bumrah 21-7-75-3; Siraj 15-2-69-0; Akash Deep 19-5-59-1; Jadeja 14-2-54-1; Nitish Kumar Reddy: 5-0-10-0; Washington 12-2-37-1.

Teen Konstas takes bowlers to cleaners on his Test debut

GOMESH S @ Melbourne

JASPRIT Bumrah had just welcomed Sam Konstas to Test cricket. The youngster, all of 19, walked in as the youngest ever Test opener to have played for Australia. Through the national anthem in front of a massive Boxing Day crowd at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, all the cameras had been on the teenager. Understandably, he was having a ball. Even as the teams walked on to the field, Konstas was the first to get in, take a look at the centre pitch, soaking it all in.

And then, he faced Bumrah. Off the first six balls of his international career, Konstas was beaten on the outside edge four times and left the other two alone. With the dominating Indian diaspora cheering on, Bumrah was showing the teen debutant what it is like at the highest level. At least for the first six balls. From the time he scored twin centuries for New South Wales two months ago, Konstas and his fearless stroke-play had been a topic of discussion. The hype had been such that even Ricky Ponting was on the bandwagon. And Ponting wasn't the only one. Everywhere you go in Australia, all they have to talk about is the confidence with which Konstas operates. The youngster himself spoke about how it would be just another day when asked about the debut a couple of days earlier. Till the time he took guard, it all continued like a breath of fresh air. And then it seemed like Bumrah had brought him back to reality.

Little did anyone know that it was just a brief calm before the storm arrived at the MCG.

In Bumrah's second over, Konstas had gotten off the mark on the second delivery. He resorted to a deadbat defence before getting beaten. The real ripper came on the fifth ball. Konstas pulled out a reverse ramp with little success. That, however, wasn't going to stop the youngster. Konstas was picked with one objective. Challenge Bumrah and disturb his line and length. He was not going to stop the reverse scoop till it came off. And it did off the first ball of the seventh over, but as a scoop for a four. The next ball, a reverse scoop, and this time it went all the way. He did it again on the last ball to get another four. From the media centre to the commentary box to the Indian players on the field, everyone was losing their mind. Who in their right sense would try to scoop Bumrah and be successful at it?

Sam Konstas plays a ramp shot | AFP

Konstas was. He had been brought in to take his chances and so far, it had not backfired. There were numerabale plays and misses, but it didn't matter. Konstas was still out in the middle, alive and kicking. It also allowed Usman Khawaja, who had been struggling to buy a run, to catch a breather.

In the first ten overs, Australia raced to 44/0 — their highest opening stand of the series. While all the attention had been on Konstas, Khawaja had been at a better strike rate with little notice. And it was just after the early break, something happened. Konstas had clearly rattled the Indian team and Virat Kohli took it upon himself to get in on the action.

Just before the eleventh over, Kohli bumped shoulders with Konstas and the umpires had to intervene. The youngster, while having looked up to Kohli all his life (he was a 2005 born, remember), wasn't having any of it. Unfazed, he went out and smashed Bumrah down the ground for 18 runs. Now, it all might seem like a freak show — to an extent, it was — but there was a method to Konstas madness. He used the reverse scoop to throw Bumrah off his length and put a fielder in the back and never brought it back again. In the first hour of the Test match — on a pitch that was flatter than expected — he had not just gotten under the skin of India captain Rohit Sharma who was struggling for moves, but also Bumrah who had to alter his lengths.

And then when the ball was pitched full, Konstas threw the bat down the ground. He became the first batter since Jos Buttler in 2021 to hit Bumrah for a six in Tests. He also ensured Bumrah went for more than run-a-ball in his first spell. The 34 of the 38 he scored is the most any batter has ever scored against Bumrah during a spell in Tests. Konstas would later admit that the scoops were premeditated to throw the Indian pacers off their lengths. "Yeah definitely premeditated especially with the pace but just trying to keep my head still and just watch it as hard on my back. But yeah, got a few away today and changed the field, which was good, and then trying to bolster my zones," Konstas said.

The teen sensation, who created history by just walking onto the field, lived up to every bit of hype that was around him as he got to his half-century in front of family and friends and coach Tahmid Islam who had flown in from Sydney to watch him. He eventually fell to Ravindra Jadeja in the 20th over, with an 65-ball 60 to show, but Konstas' knock was so much more than that.

Shahrukh, Mohamed help TN down UP

AGENCIES @ Visakhapatnam

SHAHRUKH Khan's 85-ball 132 not out and Mohamed Ali's 76 not out (75 balls, eight fours, one six) powered Tamil Nadu to a massive 114-run win over Uttar Pradesh at Visakhapatnam in a Group D match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Tamil Nadu fought back remarkably after being reduced to 68 for five at one stage batting first, as a 216-run stand for the sixth wicket pushed them to a formidable 284 for five.

In reply, UP skipper Rinku Singh struck a half-century (55 off 43 balls, 6x4s, 2x6s) after their top order collapsed. Rinku's effort was not enough as Uttar Pradesh were shot out for 170 as TN bowlers produced a combined effort.

In Ahmedabad, skipper Mayank Agarawal carried his bat with an unbeaten 139 as Karnataka recorded a thrilling one-wicket win over Punjab in their Group C contest. Batting first, Punjab were bowled out for 247 with Anmolpreet Singh top scoring with 51 (60 balls, 5 fours) as several batters failed to convert their starts.

BRIEF SCORES

Punjab 247 in 49.2 ovs (A Singh 51, A Malhotra 42, S Singh 35; A Shetty 5/44) lost to Karnataka 251/9 in 47.3 ovs (M Agarawal 139 n.o; A Sharma 4/56). Arunachal Pradesh 73 in 32.2 ovs lost to Mumbai 77/1 in 5.3 ovs (A Raghuvanshi 50 n.o). Meghalaya 113 in 37.1 ovs (A Bhatewara 34; R Gurbani 2/6, S Bachhav 2/19, S Veer 3/28) lost to Maharashtra 115 in 19.2 ovs. Chhattisgarh 80 in 30.3 ovs (Y Thakur 4/27, N Bhute 2/24, H Dubey 3/7) lost to Vidarbha 83/2 in 18 ovs (K Nair 44 n.o). TN 284/5 in 47 ovs (S Khan 132 n.o, M Ali 76 n.o; Y Dayal 2/67) bt Uttar Pradesh 170 in 32.5 ovs (P Garg 48, R Singh 55).

City pay penalty, Chelsea stunned

AGENCIES @ London

ERLING HAALAND had a second-half penalty saved as crisis-torn Manchester City failed to end their dismal run with a 1-1 draw against Everton, while title contenders Chelsea suffered a first home defeat against Fulham since 1979.

City have just one victory in their last 13 games in all competitions as their Christmas schedule started in disappointing fashion. Bernardo Silva put City in front early on before Iliman Ndiaye salvaged a point for Everton. City are languishing in seventh place and sit five points adrift of the top four, with their astonishing decline showing no sign of ending.

At Stamford Bridge, second-placed Chelsea were stunned by Fulham's late fightback for a 2-1 win in a dramatic west London derby. Cole Palmer put Chelsea ahead after 16 minutes, the England forward drilling home from the edge of the area. But Fulham levelled with eight minutes left when Antonee Robinson's cross was headed down by Timothy Castagne and Harry Wilson nodded in from close range. In stoppage-time, Rodrigo Muniz scored to bag all three points for the away side.

Manchester City's Erling Haaland missed a penalty on Thursday | AP

Results: Man City **1-1** Everton; Southampton **0-1** West Ham; Chelsea **1-2** Fulham; Newcastle **3-0** Aston Villa; Nottm Forest **1-0** Tottenham; Bournemouth **0-0** Crystal Palace.

EXPRESS READ

Lakshya eyes good show at King Cup International

SHENZHEN (CHINA): India's Lakshya Sen will look to end his season on a high when he competes in the inaugural King Cup International Badminton Open, beginning here Friday. The 23-year-old from Almora, who ended a title-drought with his triumph at the Syed Modi Super 300 tournament in Lucknow recently, will face some of the best men's singles players during the three-day event.

PKL: Rajput takes UP Yoddhas into semis

PUNE: Bhavani Rajput stole the show to take UP Yoddhas into the semifinals of Pro Kabaddi League season 11 with a thumping 46-18 win over Jaipur Pink Panthers here on Thursday. UP Yoddhas will now face the Haryana Steelers in the first semifinal of this season on Friday.

Maiden national title for shooter Vijayveer

NEW DELHI: Punjab's Vijayveer Sidhu beat fellow Olympian Gurpreet Singh of Army Marksmanship Unit to clinch his maiden men's 25m rapid-fire pistol (RFP) title at the on-going 67th National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) for pistol events here on Thursday.

Rodriguez double powers Mohun Bagan

NEW DELHI: Mohun Bagan Super Giant returned to winning ways with a 3-1 triumph over Punjab FC in the Indian Super League at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on Thursday. It was Punjab who struck first through Ricky Shabong. Alberto Rodriguez scored a double for Bagan while Jamie Maclaren netted the other goal.

The sorry state of affairs in wrestling continues even though Aman Sehrawat, with his Olympic bronze, salvaged some pride earlier this year. As 2024 nears end, Firoz Mirza sheds some light on issues ailing the sport and way forward to reclaim the good old days...

Wrestling continues to grapple for survival

EARLIER this month, a Greco-Roman wrestler from Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), who was representing Rajasthan in the senior national championships in Bengaluru, got a few calls after he won the first bout. He was instructed to pull out of the tournament as the RSPB has not given him a no-objection certificate (NOC) to compete in the championships. A few Railway wrestlers though represented their home states and even won medals but a majority of them were deprived of the nationals organised by the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for the second straight year.

The same was the case last year as well. Repercussions for non-participation, however, could be more this time as in 2023 two nationals were organised — one by the WFI and other by the ad-hoc committee. The second one was hosted by the RSPB and hence their wrestlers got a tournament even if they were not allowed to compete in the WFI's event.

Besides, winners of Railway nationals were considered for future events given the situation at that time. It may not be the case now and this can affect Railway wrestlers badly.

"It's sad but wrestlers who didn't compete in Bengaluru nationals would not be considered for upcoming camps and tournaments," Sanjay Kumar Singh, WFI president, told this daily. The deadlock between the RSPB and WFI is an open secret and what makes it more intriguing is the fact that unlike Railways, Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) competed at the championships. Both RSPB and SSCB are members of the WFI. Interestingly, RSPB secretary Prem Chand Lochab is also the secretary-general of the WFI. It all started last year in January when the country's top wrestlers — Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik and multiple World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat — staged a protest against former WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh accusing him of sexual harassment. A lot has happened since then with Brij Bhushan being sidelined, Sakshi announcing her retirement and Bajrang and Vinesh joining politics ahead of Haryana assembly elections. Despite all these changes, the sorry state of affairs in wrestling continues and the Bengaluru tournament exemplified it.

"The protest caused irreparable damage to wrestling in the country. The biggest impact was reflected on the Indian wrestlers' show at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Had it not happened, Indian wrestlers would have won at least four medals but unfortunately only one medal could be earned," lamented Sanjay Singh.

It's usual for national sports federations (NSFs) to predict medals before every Olympics but not all of them are on the mark always. However, negative impact of the unrest was clearly visible as only one freestyle wrestler, Aman Sehrawat, managed to qualify for the Paris Games. Since 2004 Olympics, at least three or more men wrestlers (freestyle & GR) have qualified for the Olympics but the number took a nosedive ahead of the 2024 Games.

Olympic participation (Since 2004)			
Year	FS	GR	WW
2004	6	1	0
2008	3	0	0
2012	4	0	1
2016	2	2	3
2020	4	0	4
2024	1	0	5

OLYMPIC MEDALS

1952: 1 - KD Jadhav bronze
2008: 1 - Sushil Kumar bronze
2012: 2 - Sushil Kumar silver, Yogeshwar Dutt bronze
2016: 1 - Sakshi Malik bronze
2020: 2 - Ravi Dahiya silver, Bajrang Punia bronze
2024: 1 - Aman Sehrawat bronze

Vinesh's heartbreak

The protest centered around harassment of women wrestlers but that could not prevent them from shining on the mat. They created history when a record five women grapplers including the torchbearer of the protest, Vinesh, qualified for the Games. Vinesh not only qualified but set the stage on fire by bulldozing her opponents on her way to the 50kg final. Unfortunately, she was found to be overweight ahead of the summit clash, ending her hopes and country's dream of an Olympic gold.

Besides, wrestlers in various age groups continued their dominant show, highlighting all is not lost. "Our next crop is talented and I am confident everything will be back on track once the issue with the sports ministry is resolved," signed off the WFI president. Notably, the WFI was suspended by the ministry last year and the matter is pending in the court.

Long road ahead

Sanjay Singh might be hopeful but unending litigations and suspension by the sports ministry meant WFI is like a toothless tiger at the moment. It cannot hold camps and has to arrange funds to organise national tournaments. The federation that has given at least a medal in each Olympics since 2008 has to run from pillar to post to send its team for any international events. All these paint a grim picture of the sport. A lot has to be done to bring back the good old days but at the moment, wrestling in the country is suffering and so are the wrestlers and other stakeholders.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Amazon Music and the Universal Music Group (UMG) are working together to tackle unlawful AI-generated content' and protect artists from fraud and misattribution, a press release said

TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

THAT STOOD OUT IN 2024

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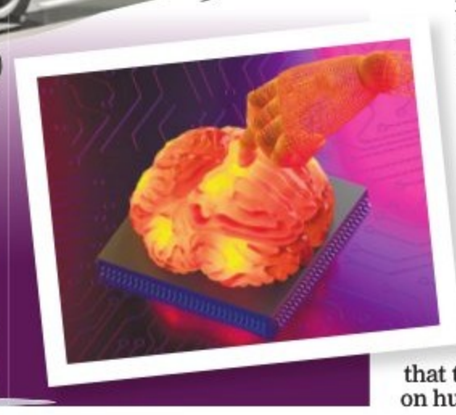

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

REWIND 2024

THOUGH many emerging technologies took centre stage in 2024, the year was more about driving transformation and integrating technology across various industries. Here's our technology roundup for 2024:

AI/Gen AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Generative AI continued to drive interest in 2024 as from small organisations to tech giants, companies tried integrating and leveraging its benefits. They tried multiple use cases and one of the highlights of 2024 was that many companies moved from the proof of concept(POC) step to the next phase-transitioning the concept to reality. From automating business operations to creating copilots and redefining customer experiences, these technologies have unlocked new opportunities for innovation and efficiency. GenAI, in particular, has empowered organisations to deliver hyper-personalised solutions, says Kanchan Ray, chief technology officer, Nagarro. "What truly stands out this year is the emphasis on ethical and responsible innovation. The focus has shifted from isolated technological advancements to building interconnected ecosystems that drive end-to-end business efficiency with inclusivity and sustainable growth. Like the rest of the world, in India, the adoption of AI-driven solutions has accelerated, with sectors like healthcare, education, and e-commerce witnessing significant advancements," Ray adds.

Digital twin

Another tech that caught the attention was the digital twin. Though it has been widely used for a couple of years now, in 2024, it helped organizations simulate real situations and also their outcomes. Pankaj Vyas, CEO and MD, Siemens Technology and Services, said that they saw a significant increase in developments of smarter systems and solutions for sustainable practices, enabled by the adoption of AI, IoT and digital twins. This has allowed organizations to leverage the strengths of each technology to optimise processes, improve predictive analytics, and accelerate innovation. "Leveraging real-time data from IOT enabled infrastructure in digital twins and AI applications, helps augment each of these technologies to create high impact outcomes. We are seeing a large number of enterprises actively investing in digital transformation by utilising these technologies across all the workflows. Individually, each technology holds significant potential, but when combined, they hold the potential not just to unlock significant efficiency gains but also are instrumental in meeting sustainability targets," he says.

Agentic AI

Though it comes under AI, Agentic AI is now widely being used as it powers AI agents and autonomously performs tasks. These agents are capable of analyzing data and solving complex issues. Tech giants are now focusing on Agentic AI architecture as it will revolutionise human and computer interaction. John Roese, global chief technology officer and chief AI officer at Dell Technologies, in his predictions for 2025 said: "The word of 2025 will be Agentic. It is a defining advancement in AI technology and will be a catalyst for significant progress in how we approach AI architecturally."

Gartner highlights that the rise of Agentic AI systems capable of autonomous decision-making and adaptive learning, is reshaping industries at an unprecedented pace. This trend is particularly impactful in customer engagement, where organisations are moving beyond basic automation to creating intelligent systems that can proactively resolve issues, make contextual decisions, and adapt to real-time scenarios, says Anil Kumar, CTO, Exotel.

Quantum computing

This has emerged as one of the most talked-about technologies of 2024, capturing global attention for its transformative potential. Madhusudan Murthy, senior vice-president, head of engineering APAC (private equity, hi-tech & ISV), GlobalLogic, says this paradigm shift in computational power is no longer a distant theoretical concept but the year's most electrifying technological narrative, promising to redefine the boundaries of what's computationally possible. With the breakthrough announcement from Google on their state-of-the-art quantum chip combined with the ability to solve problems once deemed unsolvable, quantum computing is unlocking breakthroughs across industries.

"India, with its National Quantum Mission (NQM) at the forefront, is striving to establish itself as a key player in the global quantum race. Unlike traditional computing, which relies on binary bits, quantum computing harnesses the power of qubits, enabling simultaneous computation in multiple states. This capability has far-reaching implications for sectors like healthcare, finance, and cybersecurity, offering revolutionary solutions for drug discovery, portfolio optimisation and encryption systems," he says.

Apart from these technologies, there were breakthroughs in the ecosystem of semiconductors. Apart from LLMs (large language models), the focus was also on small language models that are efficient. Every industry now uses AI to be more sustainable and experts believe that the future will be more focused on human-machine interaction.

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As per the Valuation report the Total extent of the plot is 2274.00 Sq.ft.
***The area of the property as per Valuation report is less than 29.20 Sq.ft with that of the area mentioned in the Sale Deed. The Value of the property as per the valuation report dated 12-12-2024 is taken for fixation of Reserve price and no valuation is made for the excess area of land appearing in the sale deed**

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website https://BAANKNET.com For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.BAANKNET.com or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. Date & Time of E-auction: **27-01-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 24-12-2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.

Sl. No	Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s)	Description of Immovable Property With Known Encumberances	Branch Name Account No; Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical)	Property Inspection Time
1.	**1) Mrs. Regila Iyya Pillai** Address: Flat No. 110 in JJ ELITA 1st floor Arekere range, Nyanappanahalli division and Village, Bengaluru South taluk Bangalore 560076, **Also available at** No. 11-116, South Peyodu, Azhagiyapandipuram Post, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu 629851.	**Location of the property:** All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Residential apartment flat no 110, in JJ Elita, first Floor in BBMP Khatha No. 602, oldd Sy No. 44/1, 44/2, 44/3 and 44/4 situated in Arekere sub range, Nyanappanahalli Division and village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District - 560078, measuring 1904 sq ft super built area of together with one car parking and undivided share of 450 sq feet in apartment land having equal rights in common area of the apartment owned by Mrs. Regila Iyya Pillai. **Boundaries of the Property: On the North by:** Private Property **On the South by:** Nyanappanahalli Hulimavu Road **On the East by:** Nyanappanahalli main Road **On the West by:** Private Property **Boundaries of the Flat: On the North by:** Flat No. 102 **On the South by:** Open to sky **On the East by:** Flat No. 111 **On the West by:** Flat no. 102	**Branch : Hanumanthnagar Branch** **A/C No: 849075110000355 For recovery of Rs. 1,20,40,723.40** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three and paise Forty) along with further interest thereon @8.50% p.a. from 30-05-2024 for Housing Loan (849075110000355) along with costs and other charges	27-01-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs. 89,41,000 /- **EMD :** Rs. 8,94,100/-	Symbolic	10.00 AM to 4.00 PM Contact : AO +91 7739613961
2.	**1) Mrs. Ramadevi C (Borrower)** **Address:** C/O CK Raju No. 37 1st main 16th main GH Layout LIC Colony Byrasandra Bangalore 560011, **2) Miss Sai Swetha C** **Address:** No. 37 1st Main 2nd Cross LIC Colony Jayanagar 3rd Block Bangalore South 560011, **3) Mr. Venkatesh C** **Address:** C/O CK Raju No. 37 1st main 16th main GH Layout LIC Colony Byrasandra Bangalore 560011 & **4) M/Sri Sai Lalitha Traders** No. 12/9, Old No. 1219, No. 4 and 5, G H Layout, 16th Main, 2nd Cross, LIC Colony, Byrasandra, Jayanagar East, Bangalore Urban 560011.	**Location of the property:** All the part and parcel of the immovable property consisting of residential appartment bearing flat no 304, 2nd floor, "Devi Grand View" Apartment, Site No. 19 & 20 in BBMP Khata No. 998/24/1/19 & 20 situated in Sarakkikere village, Uttarahalli Hobli Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560078, measuring 1200 sq ft super built up area of together with one car parking and undivided share of 223 sq. ft. in apartment land having equal rights in common area of the apartment, owned by Mrs. Ramadevi C, Mr. Venkatesh C and Ms. Sai Swetha C **Bounded on: On the North by:** Corridor **On the South by:** Flat No. 303 **On the East by:** Open to sky On the West by: Flat No. 301	**Branch : Hanumanthnagar Branch** **A/C No: 849075110000343, 849030150000002 For recovery of Rs. 86,11,286.67** (Rupees Eighty-Six Lakhs Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Six and Paise Sixty Seven) along with further interest thereon from 26-07-2024 for Housing Loan (849075110000343) and Cash Credit loan (849030150000002) along with costs and other charges	27-01-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs. 68,13,000 /- **EMD :** Rs. 6,81,300/-	Symbolic	10.00 AM to 4.00 PM Contact : AO +91 7739613961
3.	**Mrs. Devika Kannappa & Mr. Lokeswaraiah Sadhu (Borrower)** Address: Villa No. 4 OBEL Villas Balagere Road Varthur Bangalore 560087.	**Location of the property:** All the part and parcel of the immovable property consisting of Land and Residential Building built in site No. 4 OBEL Villa, BBMP Khatha No. 554, Muncipal No. 14, BBMP ward 149, in Sy No/Re Sy No. 9/1, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5 and 9/10 situated in Balagere Village Varthur Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore 560087. Measuring built up area of 2980 sq ft. Owned by Mrs. Devika Kannappa and Mr. Lokeswaraiah Sadhu. **Bounded on: North:** Unit No. 5 **South:** Unit No. 3 **East:** Drive Way **West:** Private Property	**Branch : Jeevan Bima Nagar Branch** **A/C No: 849675110000195 For recovery of Rs. 1,86,37,233/-** (Rupees One Crore Eighty Six lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Three) along with further interest thereon at 11.45% p.a. from 29-08-2024 for Housing Loan (849675110000195) along with costs and other charges	27-01-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs. 2,16,00,000 /- **EMD :** Rs. 21,60,000/-	Symbolic	10.00 AM to 4.00 PM Contact : AO +91 9961667800

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website https://www.baanknet.com For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.baanknet.com or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason.Date & Time of E-auction: **27-01-2025 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 23-12-2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

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SALE NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLES

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/chargedto the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is basis "** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Ulsoor Road Branch No.21,Ulsoor Road, Opp :Telephone Exchange, Bangalore-560042 mail ID: ubin0800996@unionbankofindia.bank

1) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) Mr. D Parthasarthy, S/o Mr Dharampal, No. 85 , Maramma Temple Road, Near Govt. Electric Factory, Avalahalli Bangalore-560026 **(2) K Ganesh,** No. 33, Ashwathkatta Main Road, Kasturiba Nagar Mysore Road, Bangalore-560026.

Amount due: Rs.3,11,80,542.96 (Rupees Three Crore Eleven Lakhs Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Forty Two and Ninety Six Paise Only) as on **26.12.2024** + Future interest + other legal expenses.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET : EMD of All that part and parcel of land and Commercial Building at property bearing No 125/2, Panthara Palya, V P Khata No. 53, Katha No 53/125/2/160 Situated at 50 feet Road, Sri Balagangadhara Swamiji Road, Pramod Layout, Panthara Palya, Kengari, Hobli, Bangalore South, 1st Main Road, Pantharapalya Village, KengriHobli,Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560036 measuring East to West 85 ft and North to South 110 feet totally measuring 9350 sq feet owned by Mr. D. Parthasarthy and bounded by : East by: Private Property, West by: Property Site belongs to Pramod House Building Co-operative society, North by: Private property, South by : Road

Reserve Price : Rs.7,64,73,000/- (Rupees Seven Crore Sixty Four Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.76,47,300/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Three Hundred only) as 10% of Reserve Price

For E-auction Related queries Please contact : Chief Manager Sri. Om Prakash, M : 8944931170

S.C Road Branch, No. 71/1, Brigade Plaza, S.C Road, Near Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009, Contact no: 9324801442 mail ID: ubin0901440@unionbankofindia.bank

2) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) Mr.Saravana.M, B4 206 Chandragiri Apartment Phase II Doddabanahalli, Kadugudi Plantation Bangalore-560061 **(2) Ms.Kurinji Traders,** No.155 11 Ground Floor, Opp ST Joseph Convent School Whitefield, Bangalore-560066.

Amount due: Rs.73,19,681.73 (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One and Seventy Three Paise Only) as on **26.12.2024** + Future interest + other legal expenses.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of property being Site No.18 Katha No.16/8/18, Property No.16/8, Situated at Basavanpura Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Now coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.53, Measuring East to West 28 feet, North to South 40 feet in all total measuring 1120 Sq.ft and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No.19, South by : Site No.17.

Reserve Price : Rs. 42,84,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.4,28,400/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Only) as 10% of Reserve Price

3) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1(a) M/s. Kurinji Traders, Prop: M. Saravanan. M, No. 155 11 Ground Floor, Opp St. Joseph Convent School Whitefield, Bangalore-560066 **1(b). Mr. Saravanan. M** B4 206 Chandragiri Apartment Phase II Doddabanahalli, Kadugodi Plantation Bangalore-560061.

Amount due: Rs.38,01,644.93 (Rupees Thirty Eighty Lakhs One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four and Ninety three Paise Only) as on **26.12.2024** + Future interest + other legal expenses.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 211, Property No. 94, Katha No. 211/94, situated at Nallurahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30 Feet, and North to South: 40 Feet in all totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded by: East by: Road, West by: Property of Sri. Ravi, North by: Property of Sri. Munikrishna, South by: Property of Sri. Muniyappa.

Reserve Price : Rs. 51,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.5,10,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) as 10% of Reserve Price

For E-auction Related queries Please contact :Branch Managers Mr.Jai R Pandey, Contact No. 8630806575/ 9740334621

Varthur Branch, No. 64 65, Dharmaraya Swamy Temple Road, Muthasandra Main Road, Varthur, Bangalore,560087, Mail Id :ubin0824879@unionbankofindia.bank

4) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) Mrs.S.Saritha W/o A Suresh, No. 10, 2nd Main 2nd Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Masjid Road, Adugodi Post, Bengaluru-560030. **Co-applicant : (2) Mr. A Suresh S**/o Late andi, No. 10, 2nd Main 2nd Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Masjid Road, Adugodi Post, Bengaluru-560030.

Amount due: Rs.40,98,052/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Ninety Eighty Thousand Fifty Two only) as on **26.12.2024** + Future interest + other legal expenses.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that part and parcel of Property bearing No 10 comprised in No 34/6-A and 29/4A at 2nd Main Vinayaka Nagar Adugodi Post, measuring East to West 23+24/2 ft feet and North to South 10 feet totally measuring 235 square feet and the residential building constructed thereon, bounded by East : Road, West : Property of S Saritha, North : B NanjappaProperty, South : Shakunthalamma Property.

And Property bearing No 1 comprised in No 34/5 at 2nd Main Vinayaka Nagar Adugodi Post, measuring East to West 30 ft feet and North to South 20 feet totally measuring 600 square feet and the residential building constructed thereon, bounded by East : Chikkanna Property, West : 2nd Main Road, North : Patel Property, South : Site No 2.

Reserve Price : Rs. 83,93,000 /-(Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.8,39,300/-(Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty nine thousand and three hundred only) as 10% of Reserve Price

For E-auction Related queries Please contact : Branch Manager N.Baskar, Contact No. 9000170497

Date and time of E-Auction: 29.01.2025 between 12 PM to 05 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-auction
E-auction website: https://baanknet.com
For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://baanknet.com, www.unionbankofindia.co.in.** The online E-auction will be held through website: **https://baanknet.com (Buyer Registration – link provided in the home page of the website)**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 26.12.2024

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